



## RICHTER'S

So many interests are taking up our time at present, that we are loosing sight of the flight of Time; we are forgetting about Christmas.

We are busy, all along, to normal capacity, and we would kindly ask of our Friends and Customers, not to allay their Christmas shopping, to begin right now, and help us to overcome the rush of the last few days before Christmas.

The stock is complete, useful articles suitable for Holiday gifts abound, and you will secure choice by getting busy at once.

### Aug. C. Richter

## ONE THING'S SURE.

EVERY ITEM THAT GOES INTO MAKING OF CLOTHES HAS GONE UP IN PRICE--WOOLENS, TRIMMINGS AND THE WAGES OF LABOR.



THIS MEANS EITHER--  
you must pay more  
for good clothes  
you must pay the  
same for inferior clothes

OR  
you must choose your  
clothes-maker  
Intelligently.

WE HAVE DONE IT FOR YOU.

WE HAVE CHOSEN  
**KUPPENHEIMER,  
STEIN-BLOCH AND  
MICHAELS-STEIN & CO.**

BECAUSE THESE ARE THE FIRMS  
WHICH WE KNOW  
HAVE THE CAPITAL  
HAVE THE EXPERIENCE  
HAVE THE SKILL AND WILL  
TO BUY RIGHT AND TO MANUFACTURE  
RIGHT-AND TO SELL RIGHT.  
AND HERE'S THE RESULT.

We can sell you the same high grade of Kuppenheimer, Stein-Bloch or Michaels-Stein & Co. Clothing this season at the same moderate prices as last season.

DON'T YOU THINK WE ARE ENTITLED  
TO YOUR TRADE THIS FALL?

**I. ALEXANDER,**  
THE STORE OF SUPER-SERVICE

## CONSUMERS ICE & FUEL COMPANY

Ice, Distilled Water  
Ice Cream  
Cold Storage

TELEPHONE 145

## DEAD IN HALIFAX DISASTER ESTIMATED AT NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN HUNDRED NOW

Relief Expedition from Massachusetts Arrives in Stricken City  
and Reports that Number of Dead Cannot be Estimated with any Degree of Accuracy—Two  
Feet of Snow Covers the Ground.

### SEASIDE HOTEL BURNED.

By Associated Press.  
Galveston, Texas, Dec. 8.—Fire this morning destroyed the Seaside Hotel here with the estimated loss of \$30,000.

### THIRTEEN AT DALLAS.

By Associated Press.  
Dallas, Texas, Dec. 8.—A temperature of 13 degrees was registered here this morning, making a drop of 47 degrees since 3 o'clock yesterday.

### COTTON BALED SO FAR.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 1 amounted to 9,704,617 running bales, including 173,339 round bales and 77,638 bales of Sea Island. Texas ginned 2,887,473 bales.

### BEGAN SYMPATHY STRIKE.

By Associated Press.  
Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 8.—In sympathy with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company operators, a general strike became effective here today. The bakers are included among the strikers.

### TEN YEARS ON SWEDISH THRONE.

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—Flags were displayed in all public buildings in Stockholm today in celebration of the completion of ten years of the reign of King Gustav, and in various ways the anniversary was observed throughout the kingdom. Because of the war, which has worked great hardships on the people of Sweden, the public festivities which ordinarily would have marked the occasion, were for the most part abandoned.

King Gustav came to the throne on Dec. 8, 1907, following the death of father, King Oscar. Although he has never attained the popularity of his predecessor, lacking many of the personal qualities which won for King Oscar the love and esteem of the people, Gustav has given Sweden a wise rule during the decade that he has occupied the throne. Seldom has he sought to interfere personally in the internal affairs of the nation. In his efforts to keep the country out of the war, the King has met with the approbation of the majority of the people. At the same time his alleged pro-Germanism has come in for bitter criticism in some quarters. The King has always been an enthusiastic admirer of the German Emperor, who is related to the Swedish royal family both by blood and marriage.

### SUFFRAGISTS GATHER IN CAPITAL.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Prominent women suffragists are already arriving in considerable numbers and committee meetings are being held in preparation for the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, which is to be held here the coming week. Celebration of the recent victory in New York and the fact that this may be the last convention to be held by the national organization will combine to attract more than the usual amount of attention to the approaching gathering. It is the purpose of the convention to give a concluding push to the Federal woman suffrage amendment, which the leaders confidently expect the present Congress to pass.

The convention will be attended by a thousand or more women, official delegates from the federated State and local organizations which compose the national association and constitute a membership of 2,000,000. A fine array of talent has been obtained to address the various meetings, consisting of prominent men and women who have become famous for their devotion and labor along different lines of human activity.

By Associated Press.  
Halifax, (from Associated Press correspondent), Dec. 8.—The Massachusetts relief train has arrived. The number of dead cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy. Fifteen hundred dead is the generally accepted figure by the authorities. Two feet of snow covers the devastated area.

### Asking for Coffins.

Amherst, Nova Scotia, Dec. 8.—An estimate of 4,000 persons dead in the Halifax disaster was contained in a private telegram received from Halifax by an undertaking firm here. The message asks that coffins be sent at once.

### \*\*\*\*\* FREEZE PREDICTED FOR THIS SECTION. \*\*\*\*\*

Severe Weather Forecasted for Tonight; Farmers Given Warning.

The following warning was sent out this morning by the United States Weather Bureau, being furnished The Times by the Southwest Tel. & Tel. Co., and farmers are warned to prepare to protect their crops: Tonight, fair; freezing to coast. Temperature will be from 24 to 28 degrees in sugar and trucking region. Sunday, fair; not so cold. Yesterday afternoon the maximum temperature here was 97 degrees; this morning it was 36 degrees, denoting a fall of 61 degrees within a period of 18 hours. A further drop of about ten degrees is expected by tomorrow morning.

## AMERICAN PATROL SUNK IN WAR ZONE

DAVID WORTH BAGLEY COMMANDING DESTROYER IS BELIEVED TO BE AMONG THOSE LOST.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone Thursday with the loss of a large part of her crew. Thirty-seven survivors were taken off on life rafts. The names of ten survivors were received. The ship was on patrol duty when sunk. She was commanded by David Worth Bagley, a brother of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy.

Bagley's name is not mentioned among the survivors. Reports indicate that the loss of life will be upwards of 90.

Prisoners Exceed 16,000.  
London, Dec. 8.—The number of Italians captured by the Austro-Germans in the new offensive now exceeds 16,000, according to the official Austrian statement. Strong points east of Asiago have been stormed, the statement says.

Revolution in Portugal.  
Madrid, Dec. 8.—A revolution has broken out in Lisbon, capital of Portugal. A despatch received here says that outbreaks are also said to have occurred in Oporto.

Russian Czar Escaped.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The American consul at Tiflis reports an unconfirmed rumor that the former czar of Russia has escaped.

Ecuador Severs Relations.  
Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 8.—Ecuador has severed diplomatic relations

### GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE BURNS.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Dec. 8.—A warehouse recently leased by the government for the medical division of the army was destroyed today by fire of mysterious origin.

### WANTS TO DISCUSS CHARGE.

By Associated Press.  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—District Attorney Shelton today filed a motion in the district court to dismiss the embezzlement charge against former Governor Ferguson, contending that the court has no jurisdiction and that the acts charged were not committed in Travis county.

### NOTED SCIENTIST DEAD.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—Dr. A. D. Melvin, aged 55 years, chief of the bureau of animal industry and the foremost figure in combating the foot and mouth disease, died last night of pulmonary hemorrhage.

### MEATLESS AND WHEATLESS DINNER.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—What will probably be the first strictly meatless and wheatless menu ever served at a banquet in Chicago will be a feature of the annual dinner of the Indiana Society of Chicago, which is to take place at the Congress Hotel tonight. The committee in charge plans to make the affair one of the big patriotic events of the year.

### SPECTACLE OF SOLDIER LIFE.

New York, Dec. 8.—To raise money to build a gymnasium and theater at Camp Upton, soldiers of the National Army have arranged an elaborate military spectacle to be presented tomorrow night at the Hippodrome. "Your Boy's Day's Work" is the title of the spectacle. It will be an exhibition of camp life from the time the soldier rises in the morning until he retires when taps is sounded. More than 300 men, now in training at Camp Upton, will take part in the spectacle.

with Germany, the government officially announced today.

### Belgian Steamship Sunk.

Havre, Dec. 8.—The Belgian steamship Ambiorix collided with the Norwegian steamship Primo and sank in the English channel. The crew was landed.

### Active Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Dec. 8.—There was active artillery fighting last night on the right bank of the Meuse, it is officially stated. South of Zenones a German raid was repulsed.

### Propose Finnish Republic.

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—The proposal submitted to the Finnish Landtag bill provides that Finland shall become a republic, with a president elected for a term of six years, according to advances from Helsingfors.

### Switzerland is Angry.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 8.—The first aerial battle between allied and German airmen over Switzerland occurred around Basle yesterday. It appears that the Germans, hard pressed by their opponents, intentionally entered Switzerland, and the fight took place at a great height. The number of airplanes engaged is unknown. The encounter lasted twenty minutes. Seven bombs were dropped on Swiss territory, but only material damage was done. Residents of Basle and the neighborhood are indignant over the violation of Switzerland's neutrality.

## STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK

LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, Nov. 30th, 1917, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$1,218,953.82	Capital Stock.....\$200,000.00
Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures.....55,000.00	Surplus Fund.....100,000.00
United States Bonds.....271,810.00	Undivided Profits, net.....118,071.53
Other Bonds and Securities.....30,207.53	Circulation.....200,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....7,500.00	Deposits.....1,569,856.71
Cash and Exchange.....604,456.89	
Total.....\$2,187,928.24	Total.....\$2,187,928.24

J. K. BERETTA, President. LOUIE COHN, Cashier.  
S. M. ALEXANDER, Vice President. P. W. BUTTRON, Asst. Cashier.  
Safety Deposit Boxes for rent in which to keep your valuable papers



WHETHER YOU BUY A JACK-KNIFE, TABLE KNIFE OR CARVING KNIFE FROM US YOU WILL FIND THAT "IT HOLDS ITS EDGE" THAT'S BECAUSE THE BLADES IN OUR KNIVES ARE MADE OF HANDFORGED STEEL AND GROUND TO A PERFECT EDGE.

IN OUR STORE YOU WILL FIND SCORES OF SUITABLE AND USEFUL GIFTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND FOR "HER" AND "HIM."

YOUR CHRISTMAS MONEY WILL BUY LOTS OF PRESENTS IN OUR STORE.

USE OUR HARDWARE; IT STANDS HARD WEAR.

**A. DEUTZ & BROTHER**

## Why Wait Until The Last Minute

Shop early and avoid the rush. Our stock is greater than ever and you will have no trouble in making your selection from our line. Every article is guaranteed or money refunded. Engraving free.

L. DAICHES, Jeweler



We've been selling Yale Padlocks for a lot of years.

We've had plenty of chance to find out how they work in actual use—

And we'll continue to recommend Yale Padlocks.

There are many different styles and sizes for many different uses.

**Joseph Netzer Hardware Co.**

## ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

The Reliable Playhouse, The Unique that affords to its patrons security and comfort  
**BEST MUSIC, BEST FILM SERVICE**  
—TODAY—

Ethel Clayton in "THE DORMANT POWER." The supremely entertaining story of an American girl who saves a man's life and then meets him again after her marriage to a rich crook.

Also "IN BED IN BAD," comedy, and Hearst-Pathe News.

Prices: Lower floor 18c, war tax 2c—20c; balcony 9c, war tax 1c—10c; box seats 22c, war tax 3c—25c.

Tomorrow: "THE STAINLESS BARRIER," and Keystone comedy, "HINDOO HOODOO."



From Friday's Daily.

#### GIVEN A CHANCE.

Registrants who are averse to being drafted and who still want to manifest their loyalty are given up to December 15 to come forward and enlist. Such is the information given in an official telegram from the headquarters of the Southern Department.

But the significant part of the notice is as follows: "Voluntary enlistment of all registrants is prohibited from and after 12 o'clock noon December 15."

Our government has been lenient with its registrants who have failed to report for the draft when called. Up to the present the only penalty inflicted by the courts has been an imprisonment of from five to sixty days, with the certainty of military service afterward.

And the repeated consideration shown the registrants is such as to excite wonder among our allies, especially in England, where the conscription game is new. France and Italy are astounded at the consideration shown the people who are disposed to join the ranks of the slackers, and especially to those who have sought to evade service by going to a foreign country, only returning when they were unable to longer live abroad.

There are many in Webb county who are still subject to the draft. Of these there are a number who will be left until the very latest call because of their being the only support of dependents—parents, wives or children.

But there are a number of others who might as well prepare to go now as later. They will soon receive the government questionnaire, which furnishes all the necessary information as to exemption—or rather, as to the extension of their time during which they may wind up their business affairs and prepare for service.

After all, there is a duty which the registrants owe to their country which is paramount to that which they owe to any other except their own immediate relatives. They should remember that without their aid the older men—or the younger boys—will have to be drafted, and it is not at all certain that we shall not use up the present draft and have to make another before the war is ended.

The motto of the Western post-office clerk is worth remembering: "Don't kick on postage. It is better to pay a little more than to have the kaiser's picture on your stamps."

And by the same token, it is better to give military service to your own country than to have this kaiser or his successor giving orders as to your future military service.

This may be the last time any nation of the world will have to draft men for military service. The world is becoming aroused to the uselessness and the futility of war. It may decide to do away with war entirely. And you may have a deciding voice in the settlement of many questions by your military service in behalf of democracy.

If you feel that it is humiliating to be "dragged in by the scruff of the neck" as one of the congressional opponents of conscription put it, why then go to the nearest recruiting office before December 15 and "hold up your hand." At least, you will get the credit of having volunteered.

If you would rather wait until your time comes the government has no objection. It merely wants to get the necessary men and if enough do not come forward voluntarily it will get its necessary quota by draft.

Volunteer and choose the arm of the service you want or be drafted and go where you are sent—it is all one to the government. The pay is the same and if one is indifferent as to his duty and wants to wait until he is forced to do military service, it is all right.

Before many weeks the government will make a new call on the selective draft registrants, and if enough are not secured by this new call, there will be others until it is exhausted and then a new draft will be made.

#### THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

It is evident that the widely-heralded Mexican revolution has materialized, and that the actual fighting has begun. The latest news from the border country is to the effect that General Almazan of the Felicista forces has captured Guerrero, fourteen Carranza soldiers being killed in the fight which ensued.

Almazan is a young man of the former federal army, and is possessed of a military education, which is more than can be said of many of the Carranza leaders, and he shows that he has a knowledge of strategy, for no one in that section knew of his proposed attack until it was consummated.

It is possible that others of the recent disturbances in the republic are traceable to the Felicistas, who are astute enough to avail themselves of the aid of the bandits, only too willing to engage in raids for the mere sake of the loot.

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name of "constitutionalist" was adopted for political reasons, as it was realized that many of the people opposed to the former Diaz rule and antagonistic to the Huerta regime shared their objections on the charge that the constitution had been repeatedly violated by the rulers in the past.

The promise of a return to constitutional government—something which, by the way, Mexico has never had, not even in the days of the great protagonist of the constitution, Benito Juarez—was enough to stimulate the interest of many who hoped against hope for a real government based upon organic law.

The Carranza party, in the first flush of its "successes" gained through the refusal of our government to recognize the Huerta government, declared that the constitution for which they fought could not be restored until actual peace reigned throughout the entire republic.

Then, to make their anomalous position still more difficult of understanding, they called a "constituent convention" before peace was even in sight, in order to remodel the constitution which they had declared was the best instrument ever framed. And the months which were spent in framing the new organic law were worse than wasted, for as soon as another party comes into power it will repeal the new constitution as its first act.

The opinion is growing everywhere that the Carranza government is not the representative of the people which it claimed to be. The people are worse off than ever, the finances are in worse shape than even in the period of the Juarez revolt against the French usurpation, the army is disorganized and commerce and industry are paralyzed.

No Mexican government has ever received such disapproving criticism of all classes. The anathemas of the people, as well as the church, are directed against the present regime, and it is only a question of time when it will fall. The new revolution will rise or fall according to its strength as represented by the adhesion of the lower classes, but it is safe to say that the lower classes were never worse off under the old tyrannical form of government than they are under the rule of the "friends of the people."

Just who is back of the new revolt is hard to determine. The leaders of the old "cientifico" party disclaim any connection with it, declaring that they are tired of fighting. The connection of Villa and Zapata with the Felicistas is not clearly shown, and it seems certain that no Americans are now interested in Mexican affairs.

At any rate, the new revolution seems to have drawn first blood, and the frantic activity of the Carranza government in countering it seems to indicate that it is of sufficient importance to be recognized as a new factor in the Mexican situation.

The railroads say if the government will remove the prohibitions on unification of the roads for war emergencies, it will not be necessary for the government to take over the roads. But how about the threatened strike? Will that stop as soon as the merger is effected?

The Germans are claiming the capture of 11,000 Italians in their latest offensive, although so far as anyone else knows the offensive has not yet begun. But probably they are discounting the event, in the hope that short selling will not catch them napping.

The Russo-German peace-armistice did not result in anything save the demonstration of the fact that the Germans do not want anything which will require them to give up anything else. And the armistice is probably off for good.

#### TO AVOID BEING DRAFTED REGISTRANTS CAN ENLIST

Registered Men Have Until December 15 to Join the Military Forces of Their Own Volition.

The following information from Washington is of interest at this time to all concerned:

Draft registrants whose classification and order numbers are so low that they do not fall within the current quotas of their local boards may be immediately inducted into the military service at their own request. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced today.

Upon filing with his local board a waiver of all claims of deferred classification, a man in a deferred class may be examined and sent to camp immediately, although not as part of his board's quota, as this would violate the provisions of the selective service law which prohibit substitution. Where the claims had been dependency, a waiver by the dependents must accompany that of the registrant but waivers from children or mentally unfit persons will not be recognized.

Any registrant may enlist in the navy or Marine Corps. General Crowder said, upon presentation to a recruiting officer of a certificate by his local board that his class and order numbers are so low that he does not fall within the current quota.

It was pointed out today by General Crowder that registrants have until December 15 to enlist in the military forces.



Keep in mind the fact that Bevo, being a soft drink, will freeze at 32° Fahrenheit—just like any other non-alcoholic beverage. Be careful about this, as freezing affects the rich fullness of that delightful Bevo flavor which goes so particularly well with a meal or a bite to eat.

If Bevo were merely a summer beverage this warning might not be so timely—but, as all who drink it know—

**Bevo is an all-year-'round drink**  
Everybody enjoys it for more than just its thirst-quenching qualities—the pleasure it gives comes from its flavor, purity and wholesome nutritiousness—the enjoyment of these qualities is independent of time or season.

To get full pleasure out of Dutch lunches, Welsh rarebits, oysters, clams, lobsters, sausage, cheese and many other such delicious edibles, Bevo should be included.

You will find Bevo at inns, cafeterias, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, soda fountains, dining cars, steamships, canteens, soldiers' homes, navy, and other places where refreshing soft drink beverages are sold.

Your grocer will supply you by the case. Demand the genuine—have the bottle opened in front of you—see that the seal is unbroken covering the crown top and see that the crown top bears the Fox.

Bevo is sold in bottles only, and is bottled exclusively by

**ANHEUSER-BUSCH—ST. LOUIS**

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#### ZAFFIRINI & BARBERIO

DEALERS, LAREDO, TEXAS.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2748 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Luciano B. Navarro is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against the said Luciano B. Navarro on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$32.90 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lot No. 8 in Block No. 253 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.  
ANTONIO SALINAS,  
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.  
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

#### FEDERAL COURT ADJOURNS AND OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT

Twenty-five Federal Prisoners Sentenced to Serve Jail Terms Taken to Corpus Christi Last Night.

The unexpired term of the United States Court for the Southern District of Texas, which was reopened at the federal building in this city on last Monday morning by Judge William I. Grubb, presiding judge of the Northern District of Alabama, completed its work yesterday afternoon and adjourned for the term and last night Judge Grubb and other court officials left.

Twenty-five federal prisoners given jail sentences by Judge Grubb for various offenses charged against them, were last night taken to Corpus Christi, where they will serve their terms in the Nueces county jail. At the term of court just ended numerous cases were tried and disposed of, including the many cases against smugglers and slackers, cases against parties charged with selling liquors to United States soldiers in uniform and various other cases. By the next term, which convenes here next April, it is expected that the successor of the late Judge Burns will have been named and the bench occupied by the new presiding officer.

**Notice to Tax-payers.**  
My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. DE LACHICA,  
City Tax Collector.  
12-4-1m.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2753 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and José Ochoa is defendant and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said José Ochoa on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$64.40 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's. 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Block No. 371 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Lot No. 2 in Block No. 276 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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#### Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

**A new cigarette flavor**  
**Toasted tobacco—the real Burley cigarette**



Guaranteed by  
**The American Tobacco Co.**  
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#### LITTLE LOCALS

—Mrs. Charles Moser is in receipt of a letter received this morning from her son, E. J. Moser, at Camp Bowie, advising her that he is now Second Lieutenant Ed Moser, and that he is temporarily attached to his old command at headquarters of the 141st Infantry. Lieut. Moser was promoted to his present place from regimental sergeant major of the 141st Infantry.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

—The "rebels" or "bandits," or whatever they may be termed, are getting active again in Mexico not far removed from Laredo. Another "annihilation" expedition is announced, but every time the bandits hear of their extermination by Carrancistas it appears that their wrath breaks out in earnest.

—Remember, this is the last week that we deliver to the retail trade. Beginning Monday, December the tenth we will deliver to grocers, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses and special large orders only. Borchers Bakery.

—See our large stock of childrens toy books, popular copyrights, latest fiction, holiday and war books and place your Christmas orders now. Sonora News Company.

—The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Felix Cano and Miss Guadalupe Garza.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Salles.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelow, No. 48.

—Notwithstanding the fact that 25 federal prisoners were removed from the Webb county jail last night, there are over seventy prisoners of all kinds incarcerated there yet. The accommodations of the jail total about 105 prisoners, but at one time the past summer there were 115 prisoners confined in that institution.

—Buy a dollar or more of bread tickets, by doing this you will always have the change when you send to the bakery for bread. Borchers.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

—The news of that big "battle" at Guerrero yesterday afternoon and the "retreat" of the Carranza garrison caused some excitement here, but the receipt of the final details of the battle were so disgusting that those who had hoped for more "substantial" news were disappointed. There was quite a difference between the battle of Guerrero and the battle of Verdun.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

—Mr. Ira O'Meara, attorney, will deliver a four minute address at the Strand Theatre tonight (Friday) at the Strand Theatre. He will speak at the Royal Saturday night.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

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—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials

#### A Correction.

In your paper of December 6th was an article stating that Mrs. T. A. Austin had contributed some valuable books to the Library, among them a set of Encyclopedias, Shakespeares, etc. when Mrs. A. J. Barthelow was the donor. Kindly correct this error in your paper of today.

MRS. A. J. BARTHELOW.

#### Notice to Hunters.

On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES.

11-12-1m

#### Please Return It.

I will thank the gentleman that got black "A. C. Richter" hat at Rev. W. L. Barr's office last night if he will return it and get his "J. M. Garza" hat.

A. D. Smith, Room 1 Treviño Bldg.

#### GUERRERO WAS EVACUATED BY CARRANCISTA FORCES

WHEN THEY SAW "ENEMY" CAVALCADE COMING OVER HILL.

Carranza Garrison at Guerrero "Retreated" to Rio Grande and Then Change Course Before Fighting.

Yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock meager details of a battle at Guerrero, nine miles inland on the opposite side of the Rio Grande from Zapata, Texas, and sixty miles down the river from Laredo, began to reach the military department and the department of justice agents here. The report was to the effect that bandits under the command of "General" Juan Andres Almazan, and said to be members of the same gang which attacked and robbed a freight train near Villadama last week, had made a surprise attack on Guerrero. The reports were somewhat vague as to how the attack was made, and only stated that the Carranza garrison there, which was numerically small, made resistance to the onslaught and were on the offensive throughout the battle, which lasted an hour or more, the Carrancistas fighting from shelter in the town of Guerrero at first and then dropping back and eventually retreating up the river in the direction of San Ignacio, Mexico, pursued by a detachment of the bandits.

The information, which came over the military telephone line from Zapata, stated that during the battle fourteen Carrancistas were killed and a number of others wounded, but did not state whether or not any had been taken prisoners. The casualties of the bandits, if any, were not given. During the battle the retreat of the Carrancistas was in the direction of the Rio Grande, ostensibly to cross to the American side if too closely pressed, but after they reached the vicinity of the banks the retreating force changed their course and followed the contours of the stream.

As Guerrero is nine miles inland in Mexico from Zapata, the American town directly opposite, the parties at Zapata sending the details of the fight were delayed in getting information. The American soldier patrol at Zapata were on the alert and prepared to disarm any of the combatants who crossed to this side, and make them prisoners, but up to last night the information received was to the effect that none of the combatants had attempted to cross, though some refugees came to the American side when the attack on Guerrero first began and even while the battle was at its height.

The men under Almazan who attacked the Carranza garrison at Guerrero were three hundred well-armed and mounted men, while the garrison force there did not exceed a hundred. Guerrero is a small town now, but was once a prosperous and thriving port of entry, having its outlet on the Rio Grande and by ferry connection with Zapata. Messengers from Laredo were dispatched there yesterday afternoon to learn more details of the battle and its consequences.

Details Received Today.  
This morning the commander of the Nuevo Laredo garrison admitted that Carrancistas and bandits had engaged in battle at a point near Guerrero yesterday, while a telephone message from Zapata confirmed the report, but says the battle took place a distance of about ten miles from Guerrero. It appears that the Carranza garrison at Guerrero were surprised by the rebels and evacuated the town to go out and meet them and the direction of the desultory fighting swayed to a point some distance from Guerrero. The Carrancistas claim a victory, and so do the rebels, but details as to how many were killed on either side are still lacking.

Notice to the Public.  
On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager.  
11-24-1f.

#### PIMPPLY? WELL, DON'T BE!

People Notice It. Drive Them Off with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

A pimply face will not embarrass you much longer if you get a package of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The skin should begin to clear after you have taken the tablets a few nights.

Cleanse the blood, the bowels and the liver with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the successful substitute for calomel; there's never any sickness or pain after taking them. Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do that which calomel does, and just as effectively, but their action is gentle and safe instead of severe and irritating.

No one who takes Olive Tablets is ever cursed with "a dark brown taste," a bad breath, a dull, listless, "no good" feeling, constipation, torpid liver, bad disposition or pimply face.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil; you will know them by their olive color.

Dr. Edwards spent years among patients afflicted with liver and bowel complaints, and Olive Tablets are the immensely effective result.

Take one or two nightly for a week. See how much better you feel and look. 30c and 25c per box. All druggists.



## PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING FOR A BUMPER ONION YIELD

### FARMERS NOW ENGAGED FINISH- ING WORK OF TRANSPLANTING

Also Prepared to Combat Any Pest That Might Appear; Indications Favorable for Crop of 3,000 Cars.

While the majority of the onion growers in the country known as the Laredo section, (which includes that are a territory immediately north west, north, east and southeast of Laredo for a distance of a few miles), have completed the work of transplanting the young onions from the seedbeds to the open fields, nevertheless the transplanting process is still in progress on some of the large onion plantations.

Precautionary measures have been adopted by the onion growers with the hopes of eliminating from and forestalling the ravages of thrip and other pest, and solutions recommended by the county agricultural agent, Prof. F. W. Mally, have been resorted to, while others are supplied with the insect destroying formula to be prepared for emergencies. Indications so far point to a bumper onion crop in the Laredo section the coming spring and early summer, and the prices offered for the produce in the markets of the country promise to be above the average when harvesting and shipping time arrives late in March or early in April.

The Laredo variety of Bermuda onion, consisting of both the crystal wax and yellow kinds, are popular throughout the country, and with the high price of living that now prevails the bulbous vegetation should become a popular part of the menu in many thousands of homes the coming year, as this vegetable is both delectable and wholesome and also popular as an edible with the people generally. From present prospects the total shipment of onions out of the Laredo section next year will be approximately 3,000 carloads, as the 1917 crop aggregated 2,500 carloads, and if the additional acreage to that of last year produces a good yield there will be at least 500 more carloads of onions marketed in 1918 than there were this year.

## CHRISTMAS NEAR AT HAND; SO REMEMBER THE SOLDIER

IF HE HAS NO RELATIVE, AS A FRIEND, SEND HIM A GIFT.

Those Who Have "Boys" in the Ranks Are Preparing to Remember Them at Christmas; Friends Can Help.

The yuletide season is fast approaching—that season of the year when Christianity commemorates the birth of the Savior and observes the day in a glad some manner. It is the season of remembrance for those whom we hold dear, and as this Christmas will find many vacant chairs at the family table on account of the brave ones having enlisted in the ranks of the fighting forces of the country to battle for the rights of humanity versus autocracy, the season will not be attended by the usual happiness of previous years.

But, notwithstanding those adverse conditions, the boys in khaki will be remembered by the folks at home, and already dainty packages embellished by the patriotic little Red Cross Christmas Seals are being carefully packed and will soon be speeding onward to "my boy" in the cantonment, or perhaps to the boy who is already "over there" awaiting the opportunity to go "over the top" in the battle which his country is waging against the inexorable and inhuman monarch who holds the destiny of the German people in his hand. If there is an American soldier "over there" who has no relative to send him a gift at Christmastime, and you are aware of that fact, go to some store and buy him a gift that would be appreciated by him, get it in the mail and rush it to him, and he, too, will realize at Christmastime that he has not been forgotten.

It may be the last remembrance that you can give him, but make him happy while it is in your power to do so, for the life of a soldier boy is not of the sublime-kind, and if he is willing to sacrifice his life for his country he is deserving of all that the people of that country can give him. Therefore, if you know of some soldier boy who has no relative to remember him at Christmastime, it behooves you, as a friend of his, to do a true, patriotic, American duty to show him that he is appreciated and a little gift reaches him, no matter how small it may be.

## GRAND JURY DISCHARGED; TEN BILLS OF INDICTMENT

Grand Jury Had Been in Session Since Monday Morning and Completed Their Work Yesterday.

After being in session three days, or since last Monday morning, the grand jury in district court having completed their work, was discharged this morning by Judge Mullaly after returning a total of ten bills of indictment.

The last bill of indictment returned this morning was against Hildeonso Gamboa, charged with theft over \$50.

## SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt  
Editor Phone 70

### SOCIAL CALENDAR.

#### Thursday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. N. C. Windrow at 3:30 in the afternoon, with Mrs. Ed. Cotulla and Mrs. N. C. Windrow as hostesses.

Red Cross Sewing circles will meet in the parlors of the Elks Hall at three o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. Hamlin as instructor.

The Old Maid Auction at the Epworth League room at the First Methodist Church, at 7:30 in the evening.

Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. D. Z. Windrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.

#### Friday.

Red Cross meeting at Elks Hall at three o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. Leonard Nelson as instructor.

The Woman's Club will entertain with a program at the Army Y. M. C. A. in the evening at eight o'clock.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will meet at the Public Library at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Mother can't join the army, mother can't go to sea.

But mother can do her bit, you bet—whatever her bit may be. She's up in the morning early, she's late to her bed at night.

Yet she sings a song the whole day long that shows her full of fight.

It's "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," that echoes through kitchen and hall.

A melody sweet, yet as sturdy as though 'twere a bugle call.

She starts the children off to school, a flag upon each breast.

A symbol sweet, she tells them, of the land they love the best.

Then mother gets her housework done and hurries off to town.

There to do a woman's part in Red Cross cap and gown.

And all along the table where the bandage makers sit

They hear her sing "Columbia," and see her do her bit.

Mother can't join the army and mother can't go to sea.

But mother can do her bit, you bet—whatever that may be.

She doesn't go round complaining because she isn't a man.

Instead she sews and sings and hoes and does as best she can.

For Columbia, too, was a woman, as pictured in story and art.

And mother's our Mother Columbia—a patriot doing her part.

—Wm. Herschell in the Indianapolis News.

#### General Mention.

Mr. W. E. Moore has arrived in the city and is the guest of his son, Mr. J. R. Moore and family.

Col. Henry T. Ferguson of Fort McIntosh is in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. A. C. Lowe has returned to her home in San Antonio, after a pleasant visit to relatives.

Miss Hazel Davis of San Antonio arrived this morning to spend the week end with Mrs. J. T. Halsell.

Temporary promotion assignments to the following officers: Cavalry—

### NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS

#### TODAY.

#### DECEMBER 6.

Howard Elliott, who recently became chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad, was born in New York city 57 years ago today. This is not Mr. Elliott's first connection with the Northern Pacific in an executive capacity. From 1903 to 1913 he was president of the road, and during that time he established a record for sound administration. In 1913 he was induced to accept the presidency of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, following a disastrous regime dominated by a New York banking house, in which an effort had been made to monopolize the entire transportation system of New England, by water as well as by land. Mr. Elliott is a railroad man of many years of practical experience. During the interval between his graduation from the Lawrence Scientific School, in 1881, and his call to the Northern Pacific road in 1903, he had learned all the ins and outs of railway building and administration on some of the best roads of the middle West.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers. x

To be colonels, Lt. Colonel Samuel D. Rockanback, and Kirby Walker.—San Antonio Express.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joseph left last night for San Antonio for a short stay.

Mrs. R. B. Echols and baby, who have been visiting relatives in San Marcos, have returned.

#### Announcements.

The Honor Guard Girls will not meet this week, but will hold their regular meeting with Miss Westbrook next week.

Entertainment committee of the Children's Party and Dance will meet at three o'clock with Mrs. G. W. Derby.

Publicity committee of the Red Cross met at Elks Hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Headquarters Room, Red Cross Society.

#### Thanks for Books.

The Woman's Club makes grateful acknowledgement for the following generous gifts to the Library: To Rev. C. W. Cook for a set of E. P. Roe's works; to Mrs. T. A. Austin for a collection of books from the Rummage Sale, which included a set of Shakespeare, some volumes of Victor Hugo's, an Encyclopedia, and various text books. The books are much appreciated and have been much needed.

#### Society Vaudeville.

The Honor Guard Girls under the direction of Miss Lettie Carroll entertained last night at the Royal Theatre with a "Society Vaudeville," which was a success in every sense of the word. They played to a crowded house, and every number was well received and enthusiastically applauded. An addition to the Vaudeville, a Style Show was given, representing a number of beautiful models from the various leading mercantile houses, while the display from the Hat shops, showed every thing in the latest modes. That Miss Carroll proved herself a splendid entertainer was attested, by the full house. In the giving of the program too much praise cannot be accorded to those who took part, grownups and the little tots included. Mr. Long's whistling solo was especially pleasing, and he had to respond to several encores. The Garden Scene was very attractive and the dainty dancers were roundly applauded. Mrs. D. F. Anderson captured the hearts of her hearers by her song and gracefully responded to an encore. The Hawaiian Scene, portraying a scene at Waikiki beach made an admirable setting for the pretty dancers in their picturesque costumes. Their singing and dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and they were heartily applauded. The trio, "Good-by Broadway, Hello France," sung by Mesdames Anderson and Schmitt and Mr. Shaw, was most enthusiastically received. To say more would be superfluous, as each of these artists hold their own place in the hearts of Laredo's music-lovers. They responded to an encore. The trombone solo by Mr. Taylor was very beautiful. He was loudly applauded and responded with several lovely numbers. The patriotic finale, showing the allied nations portrayed by tiny girls, was especially appealing and patriotic. In this number special Josephine Daiches deserves special mention for her beautiful dancing. Several other fetching specialties were also given. Those having boxes for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. DaCamara, Dr. and Mrs. Cullinan, Mr. and Mrs. Tarver, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bunn, Lieut. Wurmsick, Mr. and Mrs. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, Dr. and Mrs. Garlick, Lieut. Nye, Mr. T. A. Mussett, Mr. Donahue, Lieut. Carroll, Lieut. Enckhausa, Mr. J. E. Cluck, Dr. Francis, Lieut. Biggs, Capt. Rinearson, Lieut. Colburn, Lieut. Shafer, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Mackin, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney and Mr. Stanton.

#### Red Cross.

The Red Cross members held their first of their meetings yesterday afternoon at Elks Hall, with Mrs. Earnest as chairman. The work room is splendidly equipped. There are several small tables and one table 20 feet long and four feet wide. These are covered with white oilcloth and also have white washable covers on top. Mr. Heaner very generously placed a sewing machine for the use of the members. Those making the surgical supplies have to wear white aprons and caps or veils on their heads. The members made 241 gauze compresses 9 inches square, and cut and hemmed many triangular bandages. Mrs. Hamlin will be in charge of the meeting tomorrow. These rooms will be kept open every day in the week except Saturday. The chairman for the day will open the rooms promptly at 3 o'clock every afternoon. It is earnestly requested that all who can spare an hour will join in helping to make these much needed supplies. With every day, that is ushered in there comes to us the news that "there are casualties among the Americans." Women this is your part. You cannot fight in the battle line, but you can come forward and help do the things that will contribute to the comforts and, in many instances, the saving of the lives of our soldiers.

#### Parish Guild.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church held a business meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. Puster. The report on the Thanksgiving sale was read, and it was found that the ladies cleared \$55.85. They had \$136.36 on hand, of which \$100 was taken out and added to the Parish House fund. The guild now has \$400 in bank, which is to be applied to the Parish House fund. This is drawing interest. They also presented \$5 to the Red Cross and \$5 was given toward the sidewalk fund. Materials will be purchased for the articles to be made for the Easter sale. The members will only work on these articles at the meetings. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served delicious chocolate and cornmeal cakes. Those present were: Mesdames Cook, Arkles, Arthur, MacGregor, Flores, Langford, Mussett, Anderson, Nye, Johnston, Younkin, Vidales, Woodman, Jesse Applewhite, Kehl and Puster.

#### Heights Civic Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Heights Civic Club was held at the school building Monday afternoon. Final arrangements were made for the Christmas tree for the 300 school children on the Heights. Mrs. Jesse Applewhite is chairman of this committee and Mrs. Anderson is training the children in the singing of Christmas carols. All the active members of the club are busy making stockings to be filled for the tree. Three dozen red, white and blue electric globes have been donated by Mrs. Jambers. A shipment of shade trees for the park and school grounds arrived this week, but as the water supply at the school grounds is very limited, the superintendent advised planting only a few trees there at this time. Mrs. Cullinan, who during her four months' visit in the North and East made a study of the work being done by women in a number of cities, gave a most interesting report at the meeting. Everywhere reports came in of the abundant corn crop, and we are urged to eat corn bread, corn pone, corn mush, etc.; but with cornmeal higher than flour, and some of it "weevilly" at that, how are we to afford the luxury? What is to become of our very poor in Laredo and elsewhere if the price of corn makes tortillas prohibitive? The high price of beans is another problem that the women of Laredo are now trying to solve, and this was

among the subjects discussed. Committees from the Woman's Club and the Heights Civic Club will meet to exchange ideas. A "clean-up" campaign was ordered for the Heights, and it is urged that all residents comply. The civic committee will make their report previous to the holidays. Clean up and see that your neighbor does likewise. Some startling information has been given the club, and if publicity is found necessary to arouse public opinion, the facts will be forthcoming.

—Contributed.

#### New Books for Library.

The Laredo Library announces the receipt of the following new books: Summer, Wharton; Hatchways, Sedgwick; The Five-Barred Gate, Thurston; The Hundredth Chance, Dell; Children of the Desert, Dodge; Wild-fire, Grey; Yukon Trail, Raine; When the Highbrow Joined the Outfit, Jacobson; The Thoroughbred, Webster; Cecilia of the Pink Roses, Taylor; The Last Bow, Doyle; Calvary Alley, Rice; The Case of Mary Sherman, Brady; The American Ambassador, The Red Planet, Locke; The Kingdom of the Blind, Oppenheim.

The above are all of the new editions, some of them just cut. In addition are the following:

The Real Adventure, Webster; The Lovable Meddler, Dalrymple; Fortunes of Garin, Johnstone; Felix O'Day, Smith; Double Traitor, Oppenheim; Georgia of the Rainbow, Johnstone; Kazan, Curwood; Island of Surprise, Brady; Complete New Infantry Drill Regulations.

#### Club Notes.

The Nopales Camp Fire Girls held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon. The time was devoted to knitting for the Red Cross. Two sweaters have been completed. The girls will have a Mexican supper next Tuesday night at Mrs. Burnett's residence. Those present were: Misses Lois Stoner, Doris Bigden, Hazel Irwin, Jessie Hale, Margaret Lutz, May and Ruth Netzer, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Burnett.

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#### Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It is not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strenuous strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

# AMERICAN MUNITION SHIP RAMMED BY ANOTHER AT HALIFAX WITH DIRE RESULTS

Resultant Explosion Wrecked Half of the Seaside City and Loss of Life is Estimated at Three Hundred—Dead Lying Thick in the Streets and Injured Walking About Without Treatment.

## THE RUSSO-GERMAN CONFERENCE FAILED

RUSSIANS GIVEN EVASIVE ANSWER AND GERMANS WILL CONSULT THEIR SUPERIORS.

#### By Associated Press.

Petrograd, Dec. 6.—The Russian official communication, in regard to the armistice meeting, says the enemy gave the Russians an evasive answer, but promised to consult their government. The Russians proposed that the enemy should not send a force from the Russian front to the front of the Russians' allies, and German detachments should be withdrawn from Moon sound. The Russian proposals were refused.

#### British Advanced Lines.

London, Dec. 6.—The British have advanced slightly their line southwest of La Vaquerie on the Cambrai front, it is officially announced. Tuesday night the British withdrew to the southwest of Noyelles-sur-Lescaut and Bourlon wood. The withdrawal, the statement adds, was accomplished without the knowledge of the German until yesterday.

#### Airplanes Raided England.

London, Dec. 6.—About 25 airplanes raided England today, it is officially announced. Six reached London. Two raiders were brought down and their crews taken prisoners. Several fires resulted in London but all were quickly brought under control. The casualties are believed to be light. Seven were killed and twenty-one injured in today's air raid.

#### French Took Prisoners.

Paris, Dec. 6.—French patrols brought back prisoners south of St. Quentin, says today's French statement. On the right bank of the Meuse French batteries shelled enemy batteries effectively. Enemy artillery is very active in this sector.

#### Captured 11,000 Italians.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Eleven thousand Italians have been captured by the Teutons in the new offensive in the mountains of northern Italy, the German war office announces. More than 60 guns and strong positions in the Meletta region were captured.

## LOUISIANA SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 6.—Pursuant to call issued by State Superintendent Harris, a conference of high school principals and teachers from all parts of the State met here today to consider questions of vital importance to the Louisiana school system. The conference will continue in sessions over tomorrow and Saturday.

#### WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair, colder, frost. Friday fair, warmer.

#### Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 80 degs.

Min. temp. 44 degs.

General direction of wind: North-west.

Clear.

## PERSONALS

A. E. Gates is in the city from his ranch on a short business visit.

Leonard Haynes returned yesterday from a visit to his ranch in Zapata county.

BENDER—Frank E. Langford, San Antonio; P. P. Lewis, Austin; G. C. Whipker, Dallas; A. E. Hofman, St. Louis, Mo.; F. W. Price, Corpus Christi; T. A. Daley, Houston; Ben Richardson, Dick O. Terrell, S. O. Thurmond, J. E. Harris, San Antonio; Capt. William Ryan, Luling; H. J. Gingle, Charlottesville, Va.; F. J. Robinson, San Antonio; H. P. Westcott, Fort Worth; Ralph Trejo, San Antonio; Randolph Robertson, Monterey, Mex.; H. G. Sellinger, Dallas.

#### By Associated Press.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—Hundreds of persons were killed and thousands injured, hundreds of buildings destroyed and a portion of Halifax set afire by an explosion which occurred after the collision of an American ammunition ship and another vessel at Rockingham this morning. The explosion was so terrific that it destroyed the installation in telegraph and telephone offices for 30 miles around Halifax, while it was heard at Truro, 31 miles distant.

It is reported that the American munition steamer was moving out from the pier and was rammed broadside by another vessel. Instantly three tremendous explosions occurred which destroyed the two ships and killed their crews. The roof of the railway depot at North street collapsed, while all the warehouses on the water front for a mile and a half were damaged. The premises affected in many places caught fire. The concussion was so great that freight cars were blown off the railway tracks along a stretch of nearly two miles.

#### Dead Lying in Streets.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 6.—As a result of the explosion half the seaside city of Halifax has been destroyed. A great fire is raging, dead are lying thickly in the streets, the hospitals are overflowing and many injured are compelled to walk about untreated.

#### Estimated Dead at 300.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 6.—Reports here today said it was feared that several score persons lost their lives when the railway station at Halifax collapsed. Twenty-five railway workers were killed on the track near Richmond. Advice early this afternoon placed the dead at 300. The area of destruction covers several square miles. The Canadian government depot used by the Canadian Pacific railway is described as having entirely collapsed, while the big government repair plant at Willow Park, in the northwestern sector of the city, is wrecked.

## FERGUSON COUNSEL OPPOSES THE TRIAL

SAYS TRAVIS COUNTY COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION IN CHARGES AGAINST FORMER GOVERNOR.

#### By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 6.—A plea that the offense charged is alleged to have been committed in Bell county and that the Travis county criminal court is without jurisdiction was filed by the attorneys for former Governor Ferguson today in the case against him charging embezzlement.

## NATIONAL TENNIS BODY TO MEET.

New York, Dec. 6.—Important questions relating to the future of lawn tennis in this country, particularly during the period of the war, are to be threshed out by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association at its meeting in this city tomorrow. Chief among the matters to be considered is the disposition of the money raised by subscriptions from the clubs and from the proceeds of the national singles and doubles tournaments, as well as exhibition matches conducted on an elaborate scale during the past summer. Various other matters affecting the association's policy for next season will be considered, and as the committee, at its August meeting, decided to continue tennis activity in 1918 important recommendations toward this end will probably be adopted.

## TO DECIDE IN THE WHITE HOUSE PICKETING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Whether the picketing of the White House shall be continued by the militant suffragists is expected to be definitely determined at a four-day conference which met here today. The conference is made up of the State chairmen and other leaders of the Woman's Party, the organization which has directed the demonstrations before the executive mansion during the past few months.

## WANT RESTRICTIONS TAKEN OFF RAILROADS

RAILWAY PRESIDENTS SAY GOVERNMENT CONTROL WILL NOT THEN BE NECESSARY.

#### By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Railroad presidents composing the railroads war board informed Chairman Newlands that if congress removed the legal prohibitions which forbid unification of the roads for war emergency, government control would be unnecessary.

#### Send Troops to Italy.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house foreign affairs committee report on the war resolution says that the United States probably will soon send troops to Italy.

#### To Pass War Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house today unanimously consented to take up the resolution to declare war on Austria-Hungary tomorrow at the beginning of the session and pass it before tomorrow night.

## LIFE INSURANCE HEADS CONFER

New York, Dec. 6.—Life insurance and its relations to the nation's problems now and after the war is to be the general theme of the eleventh annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, which met at the Hotel Astor today for a two-day session. The meeting is attended by executive officers of the all the prominent life insurance companies of America.

## TO TEST DRAFT INTERFERENCE LAW.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 6.—A case to test the constitutionality of the 1917 Minnesota law, prohibiting and penalizing interference with conscription is to come up for a hearing in the State supreme court tomorrow. The legal questions involved were raised in a demurrer to the joint indictment accusing C. H. Helm and Frank Helm with interfering with the draft by circulating anti-conscription literature. The Ramsey county district court overruled the demurrer.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2770 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Enrique Rangel is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Enrique Rangel on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$28.80 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's 5 and 7 in Block No. 480, in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 2



## DECLARING WAR.

The recommendation of the president that the United States declare a state of war existing between this country and Austria-Hungary was not unexpected. For some months past we have been in the anomalous position of being at war with the German empire, while on friendly terms with the Austro-Hungarian empire, a mere tool and instrument of the German kaiser.

That it is desirable to also declare war on Bulgaria and Turkey cannot be successfully controverted by anyone. The German princeling who rules Bulgaria, to the shame of the Bulgarian people, has been for some months past at war with all that makes life desirable to an American. Turkey has in effect declared war on the United States, although the formal declaration is still lacking.

But the real reason for declaring war against the kaiser's allies lies in the fact that they are willing allies of the most corrupt government that has ever existed. It is based upon the subservience of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey to the will of the kaiser. It is founded upon the willingness of all three nations to subscribe to whatever the German war party demands of the world.

To quote the president: "The wrongs committed in this war will have to be righted, but they cannot and must not be righted by the commission of similar wrongs against Germany and her allies."

That is, we must not commit the abuses against German women of which the German and Austrian soldiers have been guilty against the Belgian and French women and children. We must not be guilty of destroying German orchards and German vineyards, simply because the German soldiers have destroyed those of France and Belgium. We must not destroy ancient German fanees, such as Cologne cathedral, simply because Rheims cathedral and other churches were destroyed by the German vandals.

But the basis of the president's message is deeper than any of these considerations. It simply gives notice to the American people that we must be superior to the Huns who have killed human faith in monarchies. It shows that the American people, in their democracy, are superior to the vandals who believe in divine right, and that our "shirtsleeve" diplomacy is at least equal to the corrupt diplomacy which makes "scraps of paper" of the most solemn treaties into which the nations ever entered.

One striking feature of the president's message is the direct declaration that Germany must make restitution of what she has seized and stolen during her occupation of conquered territory. This has been one of the most outspoken demands of the allies, and Germany has looked to the United States for a declaration along this line.

Mr. Wilson declares that all Germany's wrongs to Belgium must be repaired. This means that all wrongs perpetrated by Germany against all other nations must be also repaired. It would not do to demand a righting of wrongs against Belgium and neglect those against France.

Poland also has suffered grievous wrongs at the hands of Germany. It is not within the bounds of possibility that these shall be neglected when the demand for reparation is made.

Other states have suffered also from the German attacks. Little Luxembourg is also to be restored, or else the allies will not have done their duty.

But the present concern of the allies is to bring Germany to her knees. Only when that has been accomplished can we demand the reparation which is due to all the outraged nations.

Mr. Wilson's declaration that "Nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war is won and Germany beaten" will satisfy the American people as nothing else could do. It was not worth while for us to enter the war if we were not to stay until the end. And the declaration of the president that peace can only come when the German people, "make it through rules" the world can understand is indicative of the position of our administration with regard to the real purposes of the war.

## THE GREATEST CRIME.

A symposium by prominent men in Europe is being conducted by a Spanish newspaper answering the question: "What is the greatest crime committed during the war?"

The opinions are widely variant, and it is impossible to discover which is most worthy of reception. But to us the greatest crime of the war was the breaking down of the moral sense on the part of the German people.

It is true that this is not merely the result of the war; in fact, it is the greatest cause of the war. The Germans for years have been preparing for the war, and the foundation for all their success was the absolute repudiation of the moral side of human nature; at least, so far as it applied to the nation.

The Germans are great casuists. Their logic is merciless and without a moral foundation. They recognize no responsibility for their plans, and they are not responsible for the moral law.

indicating their right to advance over the ruins of a devastated enemy nation and their right to "a place in the sun," even though by holding that place they should obscure the light of all others by the shadow of their moral obliquity.

The sinking of the Lusitania, the destruction of Rheims cathedral, the abuse of women, the deportation of French and Belgian girls for the use of the higher German officers, the forcing of civilian prisoners to military works, all are merely lesser symptoms of the greater crime, the destruction of the moral sense among the German people.

The crime is the greater because it reacts upon the nation, and because for a generation or more to come the effect of this perverted moral sense will prevent the Germans from seeing things correctly. We say perverted, because a nation which hopes for the aid of "the good old German god" in its work of destruction and devastation is certainly perverted from the Christian faith which was formerly its proud boast.

For years the German people have been losing the nice sense of honor, the intimate acquaintance with honesty, the rigid adherence to the laws of "meum and tuum." They have been taught that it was not necessary to keep faith with the outer world, when that faith might result in a loss to the empire. They were to "spoil the Egyptians," because "the world-owed Germany a living." They were to promise and never fulfill, to steal and lie and hide the evidence, in order that some day their emperor should rule the world, and "Deutschland uber alles" should no longer be merely an oratorical boast.

They corrupted the people of all the world, so that it was considered honorable (?) to be a German spy. They played the harlot with the honor of other nations, and made their loose women the shining example for the women of other races.

They injected the insidious poison of an imperial "honor" into the veins of many honorable men in various parts of the world, and they offered the kingdom of the world to their foolish dupes, as Satan offered it to the Saviour during His memorable fast.

If there is a crime more vile, more base, more terrible than this, it has escaped the notice of the world's tribunals. The crime of wholesale seduction from the path of virtue is the crime the German statesmen have committed for the past forty years, and the strangest part of the whole affair is that their own sense of honor became so perverted that they believed themselves virtuous!

They forced subject nations to commit the crimes they dared not openly commit in their own person. They led ignorant peoples into revolt for a suppositious advantage, and they betrayed their dupes when the time came for a settlement of accounts.

They gave a stone for bread and an Iron Cross for shelter. They forgot the divine injunction, while claiming a monopoly of divine aid and protection. They spit upon the cross to gain the applause of the Moslem. Their name is anathema.

We are estimating on spending eleven billions next fiscal year on the war alone. If this keeps up for a few years, most of us won't have anything left. But it's worth it to decide the war right.

The Russian provisional government declares that it is the only real, stamped-in-the-bottle government of that country and warns against all imitations. But it will have to do something more than talk if it ever gets anywhere.

## Pound Notice.

Three burros picked up for violation of the City ordinance governing stray animals and now in pound will be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall Thursday morning, December 6, 1917, at ten o'clock, unless the owner or owners call before that time and pay all costs that have accrued.

M. BRENNAN,  
City Marshal.  
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 3, 1917.

## BETTER THAN CALOMEL

Thousands Have Discovered Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a Harmless Substitute.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the substitute for calomel—are a mild but sure laxative, and their effect on the liver is almost instantaneous. They are the result of Dr. Edwards' determination not to treat liver and bowel complaints with calomel. His efforts to banish it brought out these little olive-colored tablets.

These pleasant little tablets do the good that calomel does, but have no bad effects. They don't injure the teeth like strong liquids or calomel. They take hold of the trouble and quickly correct it. Why cure the liver at the expense of the teeth? Calomel sometimes lays havoc with the gums. So do strong liquids. It is best not to take calomel, but to let Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets take its place.

Most headaches, "dullness" and that lazy feeling come from constipation and a disordered liver. Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets when you feel "foggy" and "heavy." Note how they "clear" the clouded brain and how they "perk up" the spirits. 10c and 25c a box. All druggists.

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## The Laredo Boys at Camp Bowie

Some Personal Notes Regarding What "Our Boys" Are Doing in Texas National Guard Camp at Fort Worth

By G. C. Arnoux, Special Correspondent for the Laredo Times.

With the Texas troops at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, December 4.—The Laredo boys are in their first "siege" and believe me it is some siege, only instead of being a German attack, it is a more silent enemy they are facing, the enemy that is always present to a greater or lesser degree when any large number of men are crowded together in any one place.—disease.

Since last Wednesday, the 26,000 and odd men in Camp have been put under a strict quarantine to combat the various maladies that for a day or two seemed as if they might get out of control. The soldiers are not allowed to use the street cars, to come to town, to go to the Y. M. C. A. buildings or to congregate in groups in their tents. This quarantine will last until Wednesday, December 11, according to the present orders of General Blakely.

That it has had very beneficial effects already is seen from the report at the hospital which shows approximately 200 less patients in the hospital in the past few days. There have been about sixty deaths among the soldiers since November 1, and most of these have been from pneumonia; there have been two deaths from meningitis, one from scarlet fever and one from diabetes, one from drowning, and three from a gravel pit cave-in. The total number of cases in the hospital at the present time is 1,459 which is an increase of eleven cases over the past twenty-four hours, which showed a decrease of about 150 over the day previous to that.

Surgeon General Gorgas, famous the world over as the cleanser of the Panama Canal zone from the yellow fever, spent all day here today, making a careful examination of the hospital in company with Governor Hobbs. The upshot of that conference is that there will be 3,000 more tents ordered at once, and delivered as soon as possible, so that the number of men in any one tent will be reduced from eight to five, and many more nurses will be added to the personnel of the hospital.

So far, Laredo has had an exceptionally good health record. Not a man from the border city has succumbed to a disease, but the company they are now in, Company B, has lost two men. These are Clark Maxwell, of Caldwell, Texas, and Matthew Quick, of San Marcos. General Gorgas declared that the reason there was so much sickness here is because the men come from very sparsely settled country, and the crowding together is more fatal to them than to the city man.

The boys have been putting the spare time they ordinarily use in going to town in cleaning up their belongings and other similar work. Several "Laundry Queens" have blossomed forth in the company. Chief of the laundry squad this week is First Sergeant Albert E. Cousineau, being ably seconded by Supply Sergeant George Hodges, Mess Sergeant George Belden, Company Clerk G. K. Smith, Roy Hooker, and Sergeant Henry Elstetter.

Sergeant Cousineau seems to be relying on account of the quarantine keeping him from his evening visit to Fort Worth where a strong attraction exists for him. Pay day is expected in the company before very long, and the boys are faced with the "awful" prospect of having thirty perfectly

good and spendable dollars in their jeans, without being able to go to town and spend part of them. It is predicted by the old hands in the regiment that the two little ivory cubes that help to make life spicy in the army will be worked overtime when pay day arrives.

John Gray and Jack Corre who have been enjoying (?) the mumps for the past week are rapidly persuading their jaws to resume the normal. It is whispered that they are trying Christian Science on their jaws, by uttering the command: "As you were" at frequent intervals.

The two representatives of the company in Dallas every week end have been forced to forego their pilgrimage to Bevo Junction, as the eastern city is now called. But Henry Burr and Henry Elstetter hope the quarantine will be over soon as they can then resume their visits.

The olive drab clothing was issued last week and some of the boys have been having a great time trying to make a thirty-two waist fit a thirty-eight man, or vice-versa. The men in the latter fix, however, seem to be having the best time of it so far. However, joking aside, the warm uniforms have proven already a great benefit to the soldiers, although there has been no really cool weather here for weeks, the season being unusually warm.

Sergeant Tom Guernsey, Jr. who was recently promoted to a sergenty had his first assignment under his new job this week, that of being in charge of quarters. Sergeant George Hodges is the only Laredo enlisted man or non-commissioned officer who has been in town since the quarantine began, and he was in on company business. The commissioned officers are allowed to come and go as they please, and visitors with proper credentials can visit the boys, although the men cannot leave the camp.

The authorities at Camp Bowie have started a campaign to operate a pest house here in which to intern women infected with venereal diseases in the employ of the German government who have stationed themselves near army camps to infect soldiers. Camp Bowie staff officers stated that so far these women have not made their appearance in any numbers here, but in order to prepare against it, the pest house will be established and all infected women put in it. The women, some of whom have been so fired with patriotism for Germany sufficient to allow them to inoculate themselves with the disease, and others who have been bought for the purpose, if allowed to go unchecked, can do great damage.

## Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

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## FTAST OF THE MACCABEES WILL BE OBSERVED BY JEWS

Post-Mosaic Festival of Hanukkah Will Be Observed on Sunday by Hebrews Throughout the World.

Sunday evening, December the ninth—according to the Hebrew Calendar, Kislev 25th—the Jewish people will usher in the observance of the post-Mosaic festival of Hanukkah, also known as The Feast of the Maccabees and The Festival of Lights.

It commemorates the splendid heroism of the Hasmonian House of Mattathias, of his son Judas, the Maccabee and his valiant brethren; their loyalty to the faith of their fathers, and their victory over Antiochus, King of Syria, who had waged a relentless war of extermination against the religion of Israel. Other rulers and races had sought to destroy the Jew, Antiochus was bent on the eradication of Judaism. To accomplish this end the Temple was seized and defiled by the Syrian hosts; idols were set up in the sacred shrine dedicated to the worship of the One God; the priest-hood profaned by the enforcement of idolatrous practices, and the Israelites ordered, under penalty of death, to bow before the idols of the Syrians. Under the military leadership of Judas Maccabee, the Israelites waged heroic warfare against their powerful adversaries for the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. After three years of war—on the same day, Kislev the 25th, on which three years before the Syrian idol had been placed in the temple—the Israelites celebrated the birth of their religious freedom, cleansed the Tem-

ple which had been profaned by the Syrians, and rededicated it to the God of liberty and light.

In the synagog, in addition to the customary ritual, portions of the First and Second Books of the Maccabees (Apocrypha) are read. Tradition says, the name Maccabee is derived from the initials of the four Hebrew words which formed the battle cry of the Hebrew Patriots, M K B I, and which in English are rendered, "Who is like unto Thee, O God, among the mighty!"

## TAKEN TO TRAINING SCHOOL TO BEGIN REGENERATION

Mexican Youth Convicted of Burglary at Last Term District Court Taken to Gatesville Today.

Roberto Cuevas, the Mexican youth who was tried and convicted of burglary at the last term of the district court here and given five years in the state training school for juveniles, was taken to the institution on the noon train today by Deputy Sheriff C. Mendolia.

During the five years that young Cuevas will be in the school it is probable that a work of regeneration will take place, as generally incorrigible boys sent there are taught good trades and later become valuable citizens and an asset to a community, instead of a detriment and menace.

## Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend. J. L. DANNELEY, W. M.

## REGISTRANTS REQUIRED TO FILE IMMEDIATE ANSWERS

MUST MAIL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONAIRES WITHIN 7 DAYS.

Blanks Will Be Mailed to All Registrants Within Next Few Days and They Must Be Quick to Respond.

Juan V. Benavides, chairman of the Webb County Exemption Board, announces that registrants who shortly are to receive questionnaires in which they are to answer questions that the government desires to ascertain in preparing lists of men to be called to the colors, must return the filled-in question blanks within seven days from the time that they are mailed out.

It is expected that the questionnaires will be mailed out between December 10 and 15 and those who have changed their addresses since registering on last June 5 should immediately forward their new addresses to the Webb County Exemption Board. The burden of the proof will be on the registrants when they claim that they have not received their question blanks.

Contrary to some published reports, the order does not exempt married men as a class but it does place married men with dependent wives and children far down on the list of liables. In fact, the questionnaire indicates that only men of the first class will be called to the colors except in the gravest emergency.

The questionnaire automatically revokes all exemptions under the first draft. Any man failing to return it with questions answered within seven days after its receipt is subject to a year's prison sentence.

Especially numerous are the questions asked of men who claim exemption because of dependents. The man must give the date, place and person by whom he was married; the amount of his income; how much he gives his wife and how much he estimates his needs to live comfortably; whether she ever worked, when and how; how much she made, what her earnings during the last twelve months were; whether they live with the parents or either and if they rent a home; who their landlord is and how much they pay for rent.

Each man must give all his occupations and how many hours a day he has put in at each for the last eight years.

## Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. DE LACHICA,  
City Tax Collector.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

At Regular Meeting of Aztec Lodge Last Night Officers For the First Half of 1918 Elected.

At their regular meeting last night Aztec Lodge No. 111, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: Solomon C. Freed, chancellor commander; S. J. Sorrell, vice chancellor; J. E. Applewhite, prelate; R. L. Puster, master of work; W. M. Matson, keeper of records and seals; J. W. Thompson, master of finance; R. K. Mims, master of the exchequer; M. E. Ussery, master at arms; A. Joseph, inner guard; Fritz Werner, other guard.

The installation of the newly-elected officers will take place at the first meeting of the lodge to be held in January.

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## JUDGE TAYLOR TO LAREDO

JUDGE MULLALLY TO DUVAL

Two District Judges Will Exchange Places Temporarily Next Week and Preside Over Each Other's Court.

Judge J. F. Mullally, presiding officer of the district court of the Fortyninth Judicial District, has been requested by Governor Hobby to exchange places next week with Judge V. W. Taylor of the 79th Judicial District and hold court at San Diego, sitting in two cases in which Judge Taylor is disqualified.

Judge Mullally will leave Laredo on Sunday night for Duval county to preside over court at San Diego beginning Monday morning, while Judge Taylor will come to Laredo and preside over the court here during the absence of Judge Mullally.

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## LITTLE LOCALS

—A Laredo youth told the recruiting officer that he wanted to join a Highland regiment. Being informed that to join a Scottish regiment he must at least have property in Scotland, he replied: "Well, I have a pair of pants waiting to be pressed at the Scotch Woolen Mills."

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency, Strand Building.

—It came very near raining this morning, but the effort only resulted in a heavy mist. The old proverb, "if you don't succeed at first, try again," appears to be daily exemplified now by Señor Jupiter Pluvius, with indications that eventually there will be a copious shower to bless this section.

—See our large stock of childrens toy books, popular copyrights, latest fiction, holiday and war books and place your Christmas orders now. Sonora News Company.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the custom house here this morning: One carload of hides, two carloads of fiber, one carload of bones, one carload of cottonseed meal, one carload of beer (in bond to El Paso), eight carloads of calamine and four carloads of lead.

—Society Vaudeville and Style Show, Royal Opera House, Wednesday matinee and night for the benefit of the Girls' National Honor Guard, under the direction of Miss Lettie Carroll.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

—The first draft regulations were apparently in accordance with the injunction that "many are called, but few are chosen," while the modified regulations will reverse that condition and as many will be chosen as are to be called, for all who are called after being accepted from the answers on the questionnaires will be put into military service, including married men.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Rathelov, No. 43.

—Costumes for the Style Show at the Royal Wednesday evening as shown by A. C. Richter, I. Alexander, The Bon Ton The Fashion Bazaar and The Hat Shop. Costumes are on display in windows of the above stores.

—Both motion picture shows had record crowds last night, for it was a coincidence that both the Royal and the Strand had the inimitable William S. Hart as the drawing card. At the Royal Hart starred in the role of "Dakota Dan," while at the Strand he played the leading part in "On the Narrow Trail." As usual, Hart was there with the grotesque role of the "wild west."

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

—Remember, the Red Cross Christmas Seals are on sale in numerous business houses of Laredo, or you can secure the supply necessary by telephoning to Mrs. R. L. Puster, chairman of the Laredo committee having the sale of the seals in charge. Sixty per cent of the amount from sales this year will be given to the local Chapter of the Red Cross to be used by them here.

—Reserved seats for the Society Vaudeville and Style Show to be given at the Royal on Wednesday evening can be secured at the box office.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—Every postcard greeting, letter, mail and express Christmas package that is shipped out should bear one or more Red Cross Christmas Seals. Besides ornamenting the article referred to the stamp shows that the sender has recognized the fact that he helped a laudable cause by purchasing Red Cross Christmas Seals. They cost only one cent each.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 876 or 1017.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons on ly. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times of fice.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

Notice to Hunters.

On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES,  
11-12-1m.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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Sundays, 10 a. m. and by appointment.  
Phone: Office, 699.  
Res. Milmo Nat. Bank Bldg.  
Phone 212.

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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.  
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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2797 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Estanislao Vasquez is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Estanislao Vasquez on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$49.50 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Block No. 84 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,  
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.  
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Mrs. Carlota G. Chacon and husband B. Chacon are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Carlota G. Chacon and B. Chacon on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$256.60 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and for costs of suit, viz:

Lots No's. 4 and 5, in Block No. 8 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Blocks No's. 863 and 952 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Block No. 66 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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## SOCIETY

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## SOCIAL CALENDAR.

## Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. DaCamara will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church will hold a social meeting at the church at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Rectory with Mrs. Cook at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Community Singing at the Public Library in Market Hall in the evening.

Regular meeting of Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S., at 8 o'clock in the evening at Masonic Hall.

## Wednesday.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. R. L. Puster at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Red Cross will meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the parlors at Elks Hall with Mrs. H. G. Earnest as in. structor.

The Nopales Camp Fire Girls will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Burnett at the usual hour.

The Christian Endeavor Training for Service class will meet at the church in evening.

There will be a society vaudeville at the Royal Opera House in the evening for the Benefit of the Honor Guard Guard Girls, under the direction of Miss Lettie Carroll. Matinee at 3:30 o'clock.

## General Mention.

Mr. Henry Crumpler returned yesterday morning from San Antonio.

Mr. Alec S. Sharpton arrived in the city yesterday morning, en route to San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Lieutenant Gerald E. Sielski arrived yesterday morning from San Antonio, to spend a week with his mother, before taking station with the 34th Infantry in El Paso.

Mrs. E. H. Kline, nee Bessie Gilmore, arrived from San Antonio yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Isaac Gill returned the latter part of the week from San Antonio after a delightful visit to friends in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Oliver and children have moved their residence to Asherton, Texas.

Mrs. Frank Lattig and Miss Annie Thaison are expected home this week from San Antonio, where they have been for the past several weeks.

Mrs. H. S. Mullikin will be located for the winter at 215 East Evergreen Street. She will have as her guest her cousin, Miss Clarisse Ryan, of Fort Riley, Kansas.—San Antonio Express.

Captain E. J. Dwan left on Sunday for Dolores for a month's stay.

In a recent letter received by Mrs. Gilbreath from Captain Gilbreath, stationed somewhere in France, he remarked on the smallness of the world, as he had just dined with Col. Rocknback and Captain Coulter, with whom he had been stationed in Laredo last year.

Rev. L. H. Wharton left yesterday for New Orleans, from which port he will sail for France.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. D. Z. Windrow at three o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buenz and sons, accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Poggen-

hohl, returned yesterday from San Antonio where they spent the holidays.

Louis G. Benavides of Camp Bowie arrived home this morning for a visit to his wife and parents.

Mrs. F. E. Alexander and little daughter returned this morning from a visit to their husband and father at Dallas.

## Announcements.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilmore announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth C. Gilmore, to Mr. Edward H. Kline, Saturday evening at six o'clock, December 1st, 1917, at San Antonio, Texas.

The above will be of interest to a number of Laredo people. Mr. Kline is now with the National Army stationed at Camp Travis.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church will give a party at the Presbyterian manse this evening at 8 o'clock in honor of Clark Hopkins, who leaves on Friday for Tampa, Florida.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will have a business and social meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Ruth French, 1518 Juarez avenue.

An Old Maid Auction at the Epworth League rooms at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening. Come and buy an old maid and a pie.

## Club Notes.

The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society held their regular monthly business meeting at the Y. M. H. A. Hall yesterday afternoon. It was planned to hold an entertainment at the Hall on Sunday evening for the Jewish soldiers and the community. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. B. Ifield. Those present were: Misses Kaplan, Mina and Lupe Rosenbaum and Mesdames Ifield, Cohn, L. Daiches, I. Goodman, Kaplan, C. Moser, Schwartzmann and Kaplan.

## Be of Good Cheer.

To every wife and mother of a boy in Khaki: If the mother or the wife of any khaki-clad boy now in France is worrying about him, let her, please, in the language of Chimmie Fadden, "forget it!" He is a better man in every sense than when he left her. His own mother would hardly know him. He is as hard as nails. He is almost as brown as his shirt. There is the sparkle of health and vigor in his eyes. He comes in from a hard day's work, often at the end of fifteen-mile hike, with fifty-three pounds on his back, a swing in his gait and a song on his lips. Morning sick call is a joke: no one is sick! When your boy comes home he'll "be a man, my own," and more, too.

He is learning that a canvas cot may be sweeter than a couch of down. He is getting good food, well cooked, as much as he can eat. He is far from any evil influence; his life is in the open and among simple, pure-minded country folk, and the men over him are not only officers but fathers. He is learning that discipline is the best thing that can come to a man, because it teaches belief in oneself and belief in one's fellow man. These American sons of American mothers have blossomed into men in the truest sense of the word.

The above, from the Ladies Home Journal, should be of comfort to everyone who has loved ones "over there" or in training "over here."

## Nullos Club.

The Nullos Club were pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. A. C. Hamilton. In the series of games played the high score was held by Mrs. Young. The club members present were: Mesdames Woodman, Greer, Young, J. S. Penn, Christen and Miss Amar Penn. The guests included Mrs. Robt. McComb and Mrs. E. H. Buenz.

## Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club held a well attended meeting yesterday afternoon at the Library to transact business and to listen to the continuance of Mrs. McKinney's convention report. At its conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. McKinney. The club members were gratified to learn that the Laredo Woman's Club had been signally honored at the convention by Federation heads, in recognition of the work done here this summer in opening the reading room, etc. Early in the summer the call came from the State President to each federated club in the state and Laredo has the distinction of being the one club in the state which has actually accomplished the aims the Federation has set for its workers. Final reports from the committee workers on the Artist Concert were heard and as a result it was voted to give \$25.00 to the Red Cross, \$10.00 to Troop No. 2 of the Boy Scouts, \$15.00 to the Knitting Fund for the Texas boys in the Rainbow Division, and the balance to the chair fund for the reading room. After all expenses of the concert were met, about \$100.00 remained, the above appropriations being made from this sum. After further routine business the club adjourned until December 17.

## Society Vaudeville.

The program for the Society Vaudeville and Style Show, to be given at the Royal Opera House Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the Girls National Honor Guard, under the direction of Miss Lettie Car-

## LETTER IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 3, 1917.  
Hon. Robert McComb, Mayor of the City of Laredo, Texas.

Dear Sir:—Several years ago, I wrote to Mr. O. A. Glazebrook, the claimant of 500 blocks of land in this city. I sent the letter to the city of Jerusalem, where he was U. S. Consul, and asked him if he would convey these blocks of land to the city of Laredo, this deed he probably never received, as I never heard from it.

Last October I noticed in the papers that he had returned to the United States, and I prepared a deed for him to execute, conveying these 500 blocks to the City of Laredo. I also wrote him a statement of the facts, and asked him to execute the deed and return it to the mayor of the City of Laredo, and addressed the letter to him at Elizabeth, New Jersey, his former residence.

On Nov. 23 last he executed the deed I sent him, and had it mailed to the Mayor of the City of Laredo, who received it in due course of time.

The deed was accompanied by the following letter:

Abe J. David, Law Offices,  
Elizabeth, N. J.  
Nov. 23rd, 1917.

Mayor of the City of Laredo,  
Webb County, Texas.

Dear Sir:—At the request of Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, in accordance with a letter dated October 13th, received by him from Mr. Walter Brown, Abstracter, I am enclosing you here-with deed Otis A. Glazebrook to the City of Laredo.

Dr. Glazebrook requests me to advise you that the matter was not attended to sooner on account of his absence from the City.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A. J. DAVID.

This letter speaks for itself, and as I was not employed by the City, I make no charge for any service I may have rendered.

Very respectfully,

WALTER BROWN.

roll, will include the following:

Whistling Solo.

Garden Scene, picturing a dainty dancing number at a garden tea.

Vocal Solo.

Hawaiian Scene, showing a typical effect with the scene at Waikiki beach. This is both a singing and dancing number.

"Good-bye Broadway. Hello France."

An up-to-date singing and dancing specialty.

Style Show, with latest styles in costumes for all hours and all places. The costumes for this are shown by local merchants.

Trombone Solo.

Patriotic Finale, showing the allied nations in a number that is both appealing and patriotic.

Boxes for the evening performance have been taken by: Mr. and Mrs. DaCamara, Dr. and Mrs. Cullinan, Mr. and Mrs. Tarver, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bunn, Lieut. Wurmsch, Mr. and Mrs. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, Dr. and Mrs. Garlick, Lieut. Nye, Mr. Thos. Mussett, Mr. Donaghue, Lieut. Carroll, Lieut. Enckhausen, Mr. J. E. Cluck, Dr. Francis, Lieut. Biggs, Capt. Rinearson, Lieut. Colbern, Lieut. Shafer, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Mackin, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney and Mr. Stanton.

## ARMY AND NAVY WEDDING.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 4.—Of wide interest in army and navy circles was the marriage today of Miss Mary Tignor Holmes, daughter of Commander Urban T. Holmes, U. S. N. and Lieut. John Thorton Knight, Jr., 20th Field Artillery, U. S. A. The bridegroom, who is now stationed in San Antonio, is a grandson of Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young, U. S. A., retired, former commanding general of the army.

## CONSTIPATION

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would gripe me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before. I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal, no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape."

I cannot say too much for Black-Draught for it is the finest laxative one can use. Bedford's Black-Draught has for many years been found of great value in the treatment of stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy to take, gentle and reliable in its action, leaving no bad after-effects, it has won the praise of thousands of people who have used it.

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Society Vaudeville.

THE TIMES WANT ADS.  
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS  
RECOMMENDED DECLARATION OF WAR

Senators Believed that War Declaration Should Include Bulgaria and Turkey Although Mr. Wilson Declared that Austria was Under Domination of Germany in Conduct of the World War.

## CONVICTS RECAPTURED.

By Associated Press.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 4.—Seven of the thirteen convicts who escaped yesterday from the state penitentiary here were captured today in a box car near Morris. The remaining six are surrounded by posses.

## CONVENTION CALLED OFF

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4.—The annual convention of the American Public Health Association, which was originally scheduled to begin its sessions in this city today, has been indefinitely postponed because of the fact that so many officers and members of the association are now engaged in the service of the nation.

## FOR UNIFORM INSURANCE LAWS.

New York, Dec. 4.—Insurance commissioners and actuaries from all over the country met in this city today to confer on uniform laws and regulations to govern the insurance business. Insurance problem arising from the war are also slated to receive attention from the conference.

## MICHIGAN FRUIT GROWERS.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 4.—Samples of what Michigan orchards and gardens are contributing toward the larder of the nation at war were placed on display at the Coliseum in this city today. The exhibition of fruits and vegetables, one of the finest ever seen in this State, is a feature of the forty-seventh annual convention of the Michigan State Horticultural Society.

## MISSISSIPPI RED CROSS MEETING

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 4.—Delegates from all parts of Mississippi gathered here today for a convention called to organize the American Red Cross activities in this State. The sessions were opened in the new State House with an address by Governor Bilbo.

A DENSE FOG THIS MORNING  
PRECURSOR OF BIG CHANGE

The "Oldest Inhabitants" Say That When This Kind of Weather Comes at This Time It Means "Cuidado."

A dense fog pervaded the atmosphere this morning with its attendant moisture and for a time the nebula was so thick and damp that the condition was most disagreeable to those who had to venture outdoors. There was a slight coolness to the atmosphere, and this with the usually heavy moisture-laden fog made the general meteorological conditions quite disagreeable.

Yesterday was likened to a summer's day from the standpoint of the height to which the thermometer soared, and at one time yesterday afternoon real warm weather prevailed—something unusual at this season of the year. A big change in weather conditions is near at hand, say the "oldest inhabitants," and severe cold may put in an appearance at any time now, or the forecasts of ye ancient prognosticators along the Rio Grande will go widely amiss.

HAS CONCLAVE OF NATIONS;  
GATHERING INSIGNIFICANT

"Representatives" at Gathering Are There Through No Fault of Theirs After Reaching the United States.

They were not exactly trying to round up the representatives of the nations of the earth for some great party, but were merely performing the duties incumbent upon them when the immigration inspectors at Encinal and Webb yesterday afternoon took into custody an Austrian, Italian, German and Hollander and brought them to Laredo to be detained.

The Austrian was apprehended at Encinal, while the "representatives" of the other three monarchies were taken into custody at Webb. All are charged with violation of the immigration and passport laws by entering this country in an unlawful manner from Mexico. They are being held at the immigration detention camp pending action on their cases, and it is possible that they will be deported to Mexico, with instructions to stay there.

## By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to congress today by President Wilson. The president did not, however, recommend a declaration of war against Bulgaria and Turkey at this time. Immediate war against Austria, the president said, was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany, even though Austria was not her own mistress and was merely a vassal of Germany. The same logic, he said, would lead to war against Turkey and Bulgaria, but they do not yet, he said, stand in the path of the United States in the war against Prussian autocracy. In ringing, definite terms the president declared that nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war is won and Germany beaten. All talk of peace he pronounced out of the question. Peace, the president declared, could come only when the German people make it through rules the world can trust, when they make reparation for the destruction their present rulers have wrought and when Germany recedes from all territory acquired by armed conquest.

The wrongs committed in this war will have to be righted, but they cannot and must not be righted by the commission of similar wrongs against Germany and her allies, the president said. The president declared that all Germany's wrongs to Belgium must be repaired. They have established a power over other lands and peoples than their own, over the great empire of Austria-Hungary and the hitherto free Balkan states, over Turkey and within Asia, which must be relinquished, the president said. The Russians have been poisoned by the same falsehoods that have kept the German people in the dark; that poison was administered by the same hand, he said. Had the Russian people at the outset of the revolution once for all enlisted on the side of the allies, the sad reverses which have marked the progress of their affairs toward a stable government might have been avoided.

Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. Washington, Dec. 4.—A joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey was introduced by Senators Pittman and King today. It was referred

## ARMISTICE BETWEEN RUSSIA

AND GERMANY HAS DURATION OF ONLY 48 HOURS.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 4.—The armistice between Germany and Russia has been signed at the headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, says an Amsterdam despatch. The armistice is valid for a period of 48 hours.

## General Staff Surrendered.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander in chief, telegraphed today that the general staff, which had refused to recognize the authority of the Bolsheviks, has surrendered.

## Gen. Dukhonin Assassinated.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—General Dukhonin, who took over the post of commander in chief of the Russian armies after the overthrow of Kerensky, was thrown from a train and killed as the result of a lynch law after Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander, had captured Mohilov, it is officially announced by the Russian war office.

## THREE STATES IN COMMUNITY CONFERENCE.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 4.—Arrangements have been completed for a conference to be held here tomorrow for the organization of an International Community League, to embrace the principal cities of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. The announced purpose of the league is to make it possible for the people within the districts to exchange ideas and work toward the development of the national and city life.

## CITY ELECTION IN BAY STATE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—Salem, Brookton and a number of other Massachusetts cities vote today in the first of the series of December municipal elections in the Bay State. In several of the cities there are spirited contests for the mayoralty, while in others the vote on the saloon question is a leading feature.

## PUSHED OVER

Washington.—Among the idiomatic terms adopted by United States Marines everywhere, the expression "shove off" is used more frequently than any other. In the sea-soldier lingo, if a marine goes home on furlough, leaves his camp or garrison, or goes anywhere, he "shoves off."

A story comes from France of a marine who had been acting as orderly for a lieutenant. The officer sent him on an errand and when he returned the lieutenant was nowhere about. A poilu, who happened to be loitering in the vicinity, was questioned by the marine:

"Have you seen the lieutenant?"

"Oul, monsieur, oul," replied the poilu, proud of his newly-acquired Marine Corps English, "he have—what you call—pushed over."

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Nearly 25,000 women in New York city earn a livelihood as bookkeepers, cashiers and accountants.

Mrs. William C. McAdoo, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, has organized the women of the Treasury Department for war work.

A concerted movement is soon to be launched to have all medical colleges in the United States open their doors to women students.

The women's Board of Missions of the Congregational Church is to hold an elaborate celebration of its golden jubilee in Boston this week.

Many co-eds of the University of Wisconsin are reducing their college expenses by living in co-operative houses and doing their own housework.

More than 3,500,000 American women are now voluntary members of the food administration and have pledged themselves to follow its directions as to food conservation.

Mrs. John S. McDonald, of New Albany, Ind., was presented with a \$50 Liberty bond by twenty business men of her city as a reward for having sold nearly \$9,000 worth of the bonds.

## Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

to the foreign relations committee without action.

Indicted for Conspiracy.

New York, Dec. 4.—Conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars on a contract for more than a million service hats is charged in an indictment returned against four men connected with three hat manufacturing concerns. Two quartermasters of the corps of inspectors were named as conspirators in the indictment.

## To Reduce Bread Prices.



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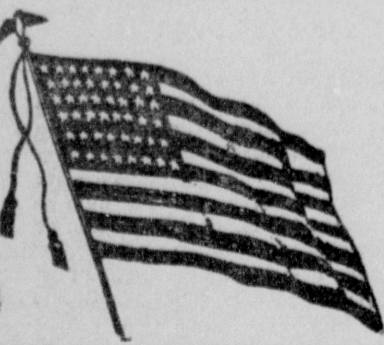
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From Monday's Daily.



THE RIFT IN THE LUTE.

While harmony is more necessary than ever, the food and fuel administrations are betraying a discordance which argues badly for the perfect co-ordination in the present American concert which the situation requires. One demands the right to priority in shipments, while the other says the country is lost if its demands are not first met.

It is true that the present transportation problem is a grave one, but it will not be solved by either party demanding its rights to priority regardless of what the other is entitled to.

There is not the slightest doubt that many parts of the country are menaced with a coal shortage, due to the unpatriotic attitude of the coal miners who took advantage of the country's need to set their fangs in the throats of their opponents, the operators.

It is also true that the people of this country are facing a meat famine unless the cattle of West Texas and New Mexico are saved by the prompt shipment of feedstuffs.

If it is a question as whether one is to die of cold or of hunger, here is naturally a quandary as to which were preferable. But if the parties to the present controversy will be reasonable, there is no danger of either.

They navy needs coal; that cannot be gainsaid. The various manufacturing plants engaged in making munitions also need coal in order to supply what the soldiers at the front are badly in need of.

But meanwhile the people of the country are paying a higher price for meat than has ever been recorded in this country, while the stock which is to replenish the exhausted supplies of the packers and the cold storage men is starving for want of feed.

It would appear the part of wisdom for the men who have been told are the nation's greatest executives to sink their differences and get together on some plan that will help the country at large, instead of quarreling over petty questions of precedence and personal prestige.

Nothing more forcibly illustrates the fragility of a democratic organization, which is only as strong as its weakest member. The same thing is being observed in Russia, and in a lesser degree in England, where opponents of the party in power are "heckling" those who are doing their best to defeat tyranny and make democracy safe.

It begins to be better understood than ever that President Wilson was wise in demanding that one single person be placed at the head of the food administration, for in war it does not follow as in other things that "in the multitude of counsel there is safety."

"Many people, many minds," we are told, and just at a time when there should be but one mind and one dominating impulse—to win the war—it seems pitiful that the coal administrator and the food administrator should be at outs over a problem which appears as simple as this one.

If neither is willing to give way, let each have half of the available transportation. The feed problem of the Southwest is certainly superlative at the present time, while in the North and East the coal problem may be predominant.

At any rate, the question should be decided without any delay, for every controversy in our ranks but aids the German cause. There is no controversy in Germany for the reason there is but one will, that of the Kaiser. And it might be well for us if, for a period, we should be subservient

to a single will, that of the president. We demonstrate every day that we are difficult to govern and that is not only because we have many minds, but because some of those minds are obstinate. Everything should be subordinated at present to one single idea—to win the world war, no matter who has to withdraw his claims to supremacy over the other in normal times.

## ANOTHER STRIKE MENACED.

Again the railroad men of the country have made a demand for a wage increase of 40 per cent, and have given the railroads until December 31 to answer their demand. A joint meeting is expected in about two weeks, probably in the East, in an effort to reach an agreement.

It should be remembered by all that the railroad men are not the only ones who are finding the cost of living increasing. It should be remembered that men employed in other gainful occupations are content to await the day when the end of the war shall permit their employers to take up the question of higher wages and better working conditions.

But above all, it should be remembered that a strike and tie-up of the railroads of the United States at the present time would seriously hamper the prosecution of the war, and that the national existence is threatened by the strike which is expected to follow a refusal of the railroads to accede to the demands of the employees.

To stop transportation when a coal famine is threatened at the height of the winter season is to demonstrate a heartlessness beyond measure. To tie up the railroads when the people are already on short rations, because of the demands of our armies and our allies is to demonstrate a hogishness which is almost unbelievable. But to menace the transportation systems of the country at a time when the nation is engaged in a life and death struggle with one of the most unscrupulous foes in the world is to demonstrate a disloyalty which cannot be too strongly condemned and which should, if carried into effect, be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

It must be remembered that not all of the railroad men are in line with this threatened tie-up. Many of them are as loyal as any other American citizen, and few of them would do anything to prevent the success of the American arms, even for the sake of securing a few more dollars per month.

But the leaders in this threatened strike are the men who should be handled by the law at the present juncture. They are the ones who use their persuasive methods to induce their poor dupes to throw a wrench into the wheels of the government machinery at a time when every effort of every citizen of the country is demanded for the public good.

Perhaps it is true that the railroad men are not getting all that they want. That is also true of a great many people who are still loyal to the government and who would suffer much more than the railroad men are suffering for the sake of aiding their government in a time of need.

The principle of the whole thing is at variance with Americanism, with democracy, with humanity. It is the principle of the wolf pack which attacks its prey at a time of advantage, which improves each opportunity to strike at a moment of defenselessness.

In ordinary times the fight would be merely between the railroads and their employees. At the present time the fight is between the entire nation and a few unscrupulous leaders who want to gain the prestige of winning an easy battle, but who may find that they have arrayed themselves and their followers against the most powerful opponent in the world—public opinion.

The people distant from the coal mines are threatened with freezing by this strike menace. The people at a distance from the producing centers are threatened with starvation because a few railway employees find it an opportune time to say: "Dig up or we will stop the whole works."

The government control of the railroads of the country is very probable under these circumstances, and in the end it will be the strikers who will pay, as they have always paid. Only this time, the people will also pay in suffering for the misguided attempts of the railroad employees to grasp the nation by the throat in an effort to squeeze a few more dollars out of those who have already given all they could. "If this be treason, make the most of it."

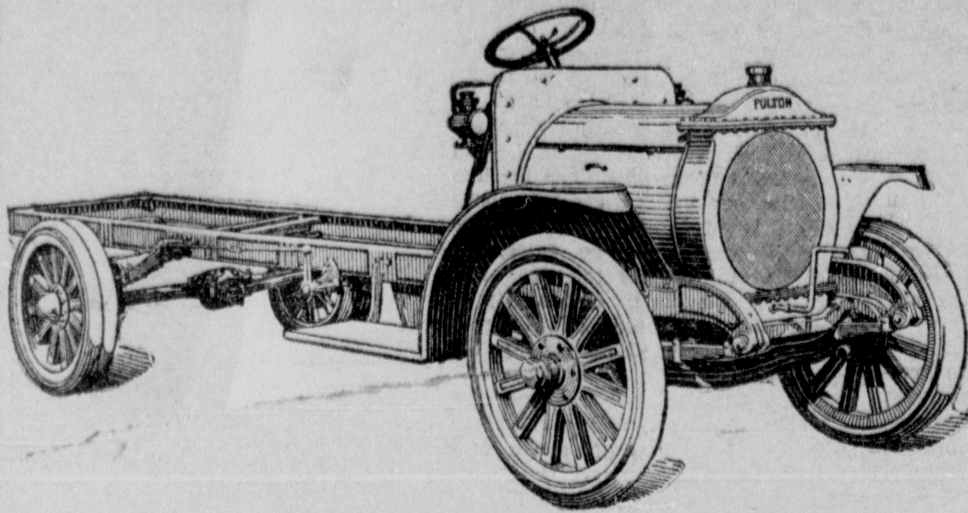
The Germans claim a wonderful victory, while the British claim it was of minor importance. The Germans say they captured several hundred guns, while the British declare they cannot remember having lost any. Out of the confusion we may find that it was about fifty-fifty.

The Scandinavian kingdoms have decided to remain strictly neutral and decidedly friendly. Now look for a demand for permission to buy all the food they want—to ship to Germany for a profit.

Trotzky has "dismissed" the Russian ambassador in Paris for having attended the inter-allied conference. But the difficulty will come when he tries to make the ambassador believe that he has been dismissed. He may find that it is different from fooling the New York police.

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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Alonzo Barrera is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Alonzo Barrera on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$10.00 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and costs of suit, viz:

Lots No's. 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Block No. 1618 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,  
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.  
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and A. S. Putman and B. B. Putman are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said A. S. Putman and B. B. Putman on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$30.40 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and for costs of suit, viz:

Block No. 784 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALSAM'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

### Texas-Mexican.

Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 1:20 p. m.  
Train No. 3 leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:30 p. m.  
Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 2:10 p. m.  
Train No. 4 arrives from Corpus Christi at 7:05 p. m.

International & Great Northern.  
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:01 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.

Night Train.  
Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.  
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Rafael Flores and Sabas Flores are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Rafael Flores and Sabas Flores on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$8.60 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and costs of suit, viz:

Blocks No's. 1658 and 1806, in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS  
TODAY.  
DECEMBER 3.

Frank Mason North, titular head of the Protestant forces of the United States in the newly organized league for national unity, was born in New York, 67 years ago today. Mr. North is the president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, a body which, in its representative capacity, speaks for 25,000,000 adherents of the "evangelical" sects. He is a well known Methodist Episcopal clergyman, with a creditable record of pastorates from the time he was graduated from Wesleyan University until he settled in New York city, in 1892, and was charged with the task of conserving his denomination's interests in Greater New York. Then his fame as an administrator, and as a co-ordinator of forces similar in aim, began to emerge, and he, in turn, began to see the weakness of the unrelated Protestant work in the city and throughout the nation. He then began to call for unification of Protestantism, and he was a charter member and pioneer organizer of the federal council which he now heads, and on the executive committee of which he has served since 1912.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Webb.

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One certain tract of land in Webb County, Texas, being Abstract No. 317, Survey No. 1026, Original Grantee, J. S. Fuentes; containing 93.64 acres.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

## A SAFE TEST.

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Kidney Pills. They are strongly recommended by Laredo people.

J. C. Stein, barber, 1620 Lincoln St., Laredo, says: "Some time ago I came down with a severe backache. It hurt me to stoop over and then straighten up. My kidneys acted too frequently and I was obliged to get up five or six times during the night. I had heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, so I started using them. Two boxes entirely removed the trouble, and I have not been bothered since."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Stein had. Foster Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

The New Era Cafe, located on Lincoln street south of the City Market, is now open for service. The best of meals will be served and at prices as reasonable as the present cost of foodstuffs will permit. The service will be the best in the city, and a specialty will be made of family trade.

11-3-ft.

# The Texas Mexican Ry.

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## LITTLE LOCALS

—The passport law is in full force and effect now and the immigration and consular officers are a busy lot. People going between Mexico and the United States these days must present the proper passports or they are "up against it" good and proper. The passport law is a precautionary measure and is being rigidly enforced.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—Señor Luis Cabrera jokingly remarked this morning that he hoped there wouldn't be any more attempts at train holdups on his journey to New York. He must have been in a hold-up en route from Mexico City. But in this country he can rest assured that he is perfectly safe.

—See our large stock of childrens toy books, popular copyrights, latest fiction, holiday and war books and place your Christmas orders now. Sonora News Company.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

—A heavy lot of importations from Mexico passed through this support this morning. At this time exports to Mexico are not as large as they were some time ago, on account of restrictions placed on same and the granting of federal licenses to permit goods to be moved into Mexico.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barlow, No. 48.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—From present indications there is going to be "something doing" soon again in the way of bandit activities along this section of the Texas border. The news received the last day or two indicates that there are many landits operating in the country not far from Laredo on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

—Both district and federal court are in session in Laredo today and in consequence there is much "courting" going on. The transgressors of the law will be in the limelight now while the tribunals of justice are grinding and later they will get their punishment for the infraction of the law charged.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—While most of the onion growers have completed the work of transplanting the young onions from the seedbeds to the open field, there are still some who will not have their crop transplanted for at least ten days. By this method of stringing out the transplanting business the season of harvesting and shipping will be prolonged once that final work starts.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1017.

—If the weather keeps on threatening like it has been for the past few days old Jupiter is liable to make a slip some day and overturn the tub of moisture and this section will get a good, soaking rain. Everybody would feel better if a rain came now, for it would be appreciated in many ways and put the ground in fine condition for farmers and stock raisers.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

4-24-tt

Whip the Kaiser With a Squeal.  
Raise hogs on prickly pear. Get information by sending 50 cts. in coin to Box 433, Rosebud, Texas.

11-30-4t.

## MEXICAN OFFICIALS HERE AND WILL LEAVE TONIGHT

Cabrera, Basave and de la Huerta Are Enroute New York, First Two on Visit and Other to Remain.

A special train, accompanied by a military guard of several hundred Carranza soldiers arrived in Nuevo Laredo this morning direct from Mexico City, having on board prominent officials of the Carranza government who are en route New York, and for which place they leave tonight.

On the train was Luis Cabrera, former minister of haciendas of the Carranza cabinet; Carlos Basave, president of the Constitutional Lines of Mexico, and Adolfo de la Huerta, who has been appointed as consul-general to New York to succeed Juan T. Burns, removed.

Messrs. Cabrera and Basave refused to talk concerning their mission to this country at this time, except that they are to attend an important railroad conference in New York, and Mr. de la Huerta will assume charge of his new post as the Mexican consul-general.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES ELKS HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

MEMORIES OF DEPARTED DEAD HONORED IN SOLEMN MANNER.

Services Were Interspersed With Fine Musical Selections and Services Appropriate to Occasion.

Though not as well attended as they should be, either by the citizens who were invited in a most cordial invitation extended through the newspapers, or the members of the Elks lodge itself, the annual memorial services of Laredo Lodge No. 1018, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held at their hall yesterday afternoon beginning at four o'clock was a most impressive memorial service and the music for the occasion was exceptionally fine.

Following the opening ceremonies by officers of the lodge opening prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Ramsey, and then a quintette of male voices, composed of Messrs. John Shaw, C. W. Cook, Leonard Nelson, H. G. Earnest and F. A. Lattig, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. D. F. Anderson, inspiringly rendered "Calm Me, My God."

The second part of the opening ritualistic ceremonies conducted by officers of the lodge, with roll call of the absent ones and the answering of the duties of the various officers, was followed by a rare musical treat, when a trio composed of Mrs. D. F. Anderson at the piano, Mr. Juan Arvalo, violin, and Mr. Juan Macias, cello, rendered a fine selection. These gentlemen from the Conservatory of Music of Mexico City are members of the Royal Orchestra, and it was through the assistance of Mr. Valdez of that theater that the musicians who had tendered their services for the occasion were able to be present.

The eulogy by Rev. C. W. Cook and the annual memorial address by Judge Hal W. Greer were listened to with undivided attention and both did credit to themselves in their masterly efforts to cover the subjects assigned them.

With the rendering of the vocal selection, "This is the Day of Light," by Messrs. Shaw, Cook, Earnest, Nelson and Lattig, with accompaniment by Mrs. Anderson on the piano, the closing ode was sung by all present and then benediction closed the afternoon's services.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible or you would avoid a bilious attack; HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

## Pound Notice.

Three burros picked up for violation of the City ordinance governing stray animals and now in pound will be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall Thursday morning, December 6, 1917, at ten o'clock, unless the owner or owners call before that time and pay all costs that have accrued.

M. BRENNAN,  
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Laredo, Texas, Dec. 3, 1917.

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## DISTRICT COURT CONVENED AND GRAND JURY IS AT WORK

Second Consecutive Term of Court for the Forty-Ninth Judicial District Convened This Morning.

On Saturday afternoon the first term of eight weeks of court for the Forty-ninth Judicial District in Webb county was adjourned by Judge Mulhally and this morning a second term of eight weeks was convened, this term being separate and distant from the first term.

The following grand jury was empanelled this morning and recess taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon: M. T. Cogley, foreman; J. B. Morton, Joe Barberio, Adolph Deutz, I. Alexander, W. P. May, W. W. Stein, John Gray, Felix Dodier, C. M. Fish, C. A. Richter, I. Goodwin.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c







From many parts of the neighboring republic come reports of a recrudescence of banditry. In two or three places in Tamaulipas the bandits have again shown their disposition to capture towns garrisoned by small numbers, trains have been attacked as near as Villahermosa, and the uprising seems not to be confined to the Villa attacks in Chihuahua.

The various bandit chiefs apparently have become bolder with the knowledge that the government is not strong enough to attack them, and they are even becoming bold enough to approach the border where the American soldiers are on guard.

Everything points to a new period of unrest, with small chance of the present government doing anything to suppress lawlessness or to bring the heads of the various outlaw bands to justice. In fact, there has been little done to even disperse the bands operating in various parts of Mexico, and this has emboldened the leaders, who take their present immunity from attack for a sign of weakness on the part of the Carranza government.

It is significant that this activity began after the expulsion of many who were accused of inciting revolt. This would seem to prove that the accused were guiltless of any connection with the marauding bands or their leaders, for it is clearly impossible with the present censorship for the expelled Mexicans to get into communication with the leaders of revolt.

The report that an American soldier was killed in Mexican territory would seem to indicate that our troops crossed the river in pursuit of the bandits, who must have committed some depredations on the American side.

Whether or not this will cause new diplomatic complications is a question. It may be that Carranza will now welcome the aid of the Americans patrolling the border, especially as his own commanders seem to be weak or inefficient in their pursuit of the outlaws.

Our troops naturally have no feeling against the Mexican rebels so long as they stay on their own side of the border. All that interests our military authorities is protecting Americans in our territory. We have not the slightest concern as to who rises against the present government, or who gains the power in that mob-beset country.

It is not at all likely that Carranza will ask any aid of this country, particularly in view of his declarations that Mexico was perfectly capable of running her own affairs. But there is not the slightest doubt that he would appreciate the extermination of such of the bandits as attempted to cross into our territory, even though he does not like the idea of our troops crossing the border.

It may become necessary to pursue the bandits into Mexican territory to prevent their further raiding along the border. A campaign of extermination seems to be the only solution of this vexing problem, and it is plain that the Mexican government is too weak to adopt such a plan.

Had our troops been given the slightest co-operation—indeed, had they been left alone—when the punitive expedition crossed the border there might have been a different ending to the matter. The apparent immunity of Villa and his followers from pursuit and punishment has emboldened many petty chieftains to rise in arms, ostensibly for the purpose of redressing wrongs, but in reality for plunder and rapine.

But the boldness of the bandits in so many parts of the republic at once indicates something more than mere outlawry. It is evident that the leaders expect the backing of someone with money enough to unite the scattered bands into a (more or less) harmonious whole with which to take the field against the Carranza government.

And if Carranza is too weak to put down outlawry, he certainly cannot hope to make much headway against organized rebellion. The various factions, it is declared by those familiar with affairs over there, have been in conference with a view to a closer military and political union, and if they succeed, if only for a time, there would seem to be little hope for the Carranza government.

#### USEFUL PICKETING.

In these days when the American women are engaged in knitting for the soldiers and sailors, in making Red Cross bandages, in soliciting funds for the successful carrying on of important relief work, in conserving the food supplies and in other useful work, it is disheartening to reflect that a certain element is doing all it can to neutralize this good work and to bring ridicule, not only upon themselves but upon the name of American womanhood.

The woman "pickets" of the White House are doing much to hinder the advancement of the suffrage cause by their senseless acts. A recent declaration of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the leading suffragist of the country, suggests that these "militant pickets" devote their time to guarding the granaries of the country, instead of wasting their efforts in the senseless picketing of the White House gate.

To these women want work that will be really useful to the country, let us suggest that they send pickets to the railroad bridges and to keep watch over our munition stores and our docks; to,

watch for slackers endeavoring to escape their just service, and to prevent the destruction of important industries by the enemies of our country, who have shown such pernicious activity in many sections.

It is true that these "militants" so far have only used their natural weapon—the tongue. But if they are really to justify their demand for the ballot, they should learn to use other weapons, not of offense against the administration, but of defense against the nation's enemies.

The really patriotic women are using their scissors and needles, their skillsets and their pots and pans, against the greatest enemy this country has ever faced. They are devoting their waking hours to something that is constructive. They are proving that without the women this country would be in a mighty bad fix.

The picketing sisterhood so far has done nothing constructive. It has merely proved itself to be composed of a lot of shrieking viragoes who discredit the name of American womanhood.

While the women of America—the real women—were urging congress and the president to protect their sons and brothers, and husbands, by suppressing vice resorts, the White House pickets were engaged in saying, as the Psalmist said in his anger, that "all men are liars."

The womanly section of this country have always done their duty, besides taking an occasional day off to do a part of the men's work. They have fed the hungry, they have clothed the naked, they have kept the home fires burning, and incidentally they have raised the men and women of the country from one generation to another, doing the outside work as a mere incident.

The really militant women of the country are those who have never neglected their own home duties, while they have found time to clean the Augean stables of politics and to furnish more food for thought for the mere man than he could ever discover by himself, even with the aid of Diogenes' lantern.

The woman who finds time, after running her own household successfully, to knit for the army and navy, to make hundreds of bandages and compresses, to collect a few thousands of Red Cross funds and sell a few thousands more of Liberty bonds, besides attending a club meeting every week and learning how to express herself intelligently on any topic under the sun, is far more of a militant than the howling virago who devotes her entire time to shrieking vituperation at our harassed president.

Yet the average American woman, with a keener sense of humor than the average man, refuses to take herself seriously. She believes with Barrie's heroine that when the Lord made woman he did not fashion her out of a rib, but out of the funny-bone, and that is why she has a superior sense of humor to the average man.

And how the average woman, in her inmost heart, must chortle with glee over the declaration that "woman does not know enough to vote!" She has proved that she can do anything else on earth, and so far as voting is concerned, a feeble-minded epileptic or a negro bird-carrier can do that!

### WORRIED ALL THE TIME OVER TROUBLE

#### ARTILLERY MAN'S WIFE GAINED 20 POUNDS ON TANLAC—IS LIKE DIFFERENT WOMAN.

"My wife gained around twenty pounds by taking Tanlac and has improved so much she really looks like a different woman," said A. L. Taston, of 419 Hood Street, San Antonio, the other day. Mr. Easton is another of Uncle Sam's boys who is a Tanlac booster and is a corporal in the Twentieth Field Artillery.

"My wife has been a sufferer for three years from stomach trouble," he continued, "and got so bad she could hardly eat enough to keep her alive. She had no appetite and what little she did eat seemed to do her more harm than good. Her food would not digest and after eating gas formed in her stomach and kept her in misery for hours. She was all the time complaining of a sharp pain in her side and her nerves were shattered so she could hardly sleep at all, and she would worry all the time over her condition. She kept getting weaker and thinner all the time. About a year ago she was operated on, but she kept on complaining of the pain in her side and seemed to be getting worse instead of better.

"We had about decided to have another operation but thought she had better try Tanlac first, and I am sure glad she did for it seems to have gotten rid of all her troubles." She eats anything she wants now and it don't hurt her at all. She sleeps like a healthy child and gets up in the morning feeling hearty and strong and actually able to do all her own housework. She has been entirely relieved of all pain by Tanlac and says she is better in every way than she has been in years."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Winlow Drug Co.

Whip the Kaiser With a Squeal. Raise hogs on prickly pear. Get information by sending 50 cts. in coin to Box 433, Rosebud, Texas.

### FEDERAL COURT GRINDING AWAY ON CRIMINAL DOCKET

#### NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY AND WERE SENTENCED

Nottinson Granted Bond In Sum of \$500; More Cases Disposed of Today; Slacker Cases Not Yet Called

The grand jury in the United States Court for the Southern District of Texas in Webb county, with Federal Judge William I. Grubb of the Northern District of Alabama presiding, yesterday returned nine bills of indictment. The following business was also disposed of during the day:

United States vs. Prudencia Miranda, conspiring to violate the federal laws by enlisting persons for foreign service; plead guilty and was given ten days in the Webb county jail.

United States vs. W. H. Stevens, unlawfully selling liquors to soldiers in uniform; plead guilty and was given thirty days in the county jail.

United States vs. Antonio Mendez, selling liquor to soldiers in uniform; plead guilty and given thirty days in the county jail.

United States vs. Marcelina Reyna, unlawfully importing an alien woman into this country for immoral purposes; plead not guilty, was tried by jury and verdict of not guilty rendered.

United States vs. Tomas Solis, unlawfully keeping a house of ill fame; plea of guilty, and given thirty days in the county jail.

United States vs. Ascension Hernandez, unlawfully selling liquors to soldiers in uniform; plead guilty and given thirty days in jail.

United States vs. Enrique Diaz and Raymundo Garcia, exporting ammunition to Mexico in violation of the act of congress of June 15, 1917; set for trial this afternoon.

United States vs. John A. Nottinson, receiving, concealing and smuggling merchandise (feathers); granted bond of \$500.

United States vs. Cesarilo Salas, unlawfully bringing aliens into the United States; plead guilty and given ten days in jail and \$10 fine.

The court today has had its attention occupied in the trial of a number of minor cases, mostly smuggling, in which the defendants were given various sentences ranging from one to thirty days in the county jail, while in some instances sentences were passed.

There are quite a number of cases to come up against slackers after they are indicted by the federal grand jury, but as yet none of these have yet been tried.

United States vs. Ligoria Milan, unlawfully keeping a house of ill fame; plead guilty and given thirty days in the county jail.

United States vs. Estelle Scott, unlawfully selling liquors to soldiers in uniform; dismissed by United States attorney.

#### WAS NOT WITH ROOSEVELT ON RIDE UP SAN JUAN HILL

Carrier Boy Was Able to Stay in Saddle if Horse Stood Still, But Nix on the Cayuse Moving.

Notwithstanding the fact that the horses used by the Times carrier boys are as docile and gentle as the steed which Sancho Panza rode while accompanying Don Quixote on his many adventures and the charging of windmills, one of the carrier boys, a "rookie" as it were, who was broken in and started yesterday to carry the Times in the western section of the city, failed to accomplish the purpose of his mission.

The paper was slightly late in issuing yesterday but the carrier boys got away in proper shape. One of the carriers had gone out and was delivering his paper when evidently the horse, tiring of the slow procedure along the accustomed route, wanted to trot along at a faster rate, with the result that the carrier, likened to Humpty Dumpty, just rolled off of him and came ambling to the manager of the Times with the complaint that the horse had thrown him. He stated that the horse then ran away, taking with the bag filled with papers. Parties were immediately sent in search of the cayuse and missing copies of the Times and soon located the animal with the saddle and bag still on his back as he stood browsing on meagre supplies of verdant feed in the vicinity of a brickyard.

Of course the subscribers of The Times who failed to get their papers last evening had just cause for complaint, but this explanation should suffice to explain the reason why the paper was not delivered. The Times asks the indulgence of its subscribers for the occurrence and hereafter when a new carrier is broken in one of his necessary qualifications to fill the berth will be his ability to at least ride a hobby horse.

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### PROMINENT MEN MENTIONED FOR FEDERAL JUDGESHIP

#### HARD TO DETERMINE WHICH ONE IS THE FAVORITE.

Several Able Lawyers Are Mentioned as the Successor of the Late Judge Waller T. Burns.

There has been much speculation as to which to be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of the lamented Judge Waller T. Burns, of the Southern District of Texas, and it is said that many of the most prominent lawyers in the district aspire to the position. It is agreed that the appointment is a senatorial one if the senators can agree and that the lucky man upon whom both senators agree will get the plum, but who he will be no one yet can say.

One of the most prominent candidates is Col. Tom Ball of Houston. Col. Ball is reputed to be an able lawyer and is known as an original Wilson man and was one of the immortal of the forty Texas delegates who stood like a stone wall for Woodrow Wilson at Baltimore in 1912. It is also remembered that Col. Ball was a candidate for governor of Texas in 1914 against Ferguson and had the support of all democratic prohibitionists as well as the good will of President Wilson. He is a warm friend of Senator Sheppard and was a tower of strength for Senator Culberson in the run-off race for the United States senate between Senator Culberson and Ex-Governor Colquitt in 1916. He is said to have the unqualified support of Senator Sheppard and that he is not opposed by Senator Culberson.

Another strong candidate who has entered the lists is Hon. Robert Culberson of Houston, former United States attorney for the old Western District of Texas. Mr. Culberson is known to be an able lawyer who is versed in federal practice and was an intimate friend of the late Judge Burns. He is a brother of United States Senator Culberson and a son-in-law of William Aubrey of the San Antonio bar. It is said that Mr. Culberson is not objectionable to Senator Sheppard and that he has the active support of Postmaster General Burleson.

One of the most prominent lawyers mentioned for this high office is Judge Gordon Boone of Corpus Christi. Judge Boone is acknowledged by all lawyers to be an able practitioner and a man of the highest character. He has held the office of district attorney and district judge, having been appointed to the latter position by Governor Hogg. He has had wide experience in federal practice and is regarded by the bar of Texas as the equal of any lawyer in the state. He lives in a section of Texas which has had very little recognition from the present national administration and he was one of the first in Texas to espouse the cause of President Wilson.

Living at Cuero, Texas, is a quiet, able and brilliant lawyer who was a classmate of Attorney General Gregory at the University of Texas and many think the office will be tendered to him, as it is understood that the final word is spoken by the chief law officer of the United States in all appointments of federal judges. If this be true it may be that the next judge of this district will be Venor Proctor of Cuero, Texas.

Brownsville also has an outstanding candidate in the person of Judge James Graham, former chief justice of the court of civil appeals of the Amarillo district. Judge Graham is reputed to be an able lawyer with wide experience and is said to have a strong backing in Washington as well as the active support of Judge Wells, whose political influence is recognized throughout the state.

There are others who are mentioned for this high office, among whom are Hon. John E. Green, Jr. the present able United States district attorney of this district, but it is said that Mr. Green will not permit his name to be suggested as long as Col. Ball is a candidate. Judge Gill of Houston, a former law partner of the late Governor Hogg and Judge Robt. Pleasant, chief justice of the court of civil appeals at Galveston, are both being urged by their friends and all who know them recognize them to be men eminently qualified for the office.

It is said that if both United States senators endorse the same man that the attorney general will approve and the president will appoint such a one, but that if the senators disagree, then the attorney general will feel free to select the man of his personal choice.

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M. BRENNAN, City Marshal.  
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 3, 1917.

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### LITTLE LOCALS

—The tenor of the news reaching here about Mexican bandits and rebels operating at points on the Texas border and in close proximity thereto practically denotes that the old-time Mexican bandit troubles that caused so much uneasiness a couple of years ago is near at hand again. Besides operating between Brownsville and Laredo, the bandits are plentiful around Presidio and El Paso.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

6-11 tf.  
—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

12-4-12t.  
—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Simon Griones and Miss Isabel Garcia, Servando Dominguez and Miss Gualalupe Lozano.

—See our large stock of childrens toy books, popular copyrights, latest fiction, holiday and war books and place your Christmas orders now. Sonora News Company. 12-3-6t.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee. 11-23-1m.

—Society Vaudeville, and Style Show, Royal Opera House, Wednesday matinee and night for the benefit of the Girls' National Honor Guard, under the direction of Miss Lettie Carroll. 12-4-2t.

—Christmas Day is only twenty days distant now and many people are already preparing for making happiness abound in their households. Out in the military camps the boys in khaki who will be away from home this Xmas are also preparing to make the best of things on this most glad-some of all days.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days. 11-14-1m.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelow, No. 48. 9-15-1f

—Costumes for the Style Show at the Royal Wednesday evening as shown by A. C. Richter, I. Alexander, The Bon Ton The Fashion Bazaar and The Hat Shop. Costumes are on display in windows of the above stores. 12-4-2t.

—By the way, how many Red Cross Christmas Seals have you bought to use on your Christmas and New Year greetings, letters, packages, etc., which you are now mailing out or will soon be? Don't forget to buy some of the seals, for they are little stamps that carry a work of mercy where such an act is absolutely necessary and help spread happiness in desolate homes.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-1f.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop. 11-14-1m.

—Reserved seats for the Society Vaudeville and Style Show to be given at the Royal on Wednesday evening can be secured at the box office. 12-4-2t.

—The many friends of J. E. Trout, inspector in charge of the U. S. Immigration Service here, will be pleased to know that his condition is much improved today after a several days illness. Mr. Trout is still confined to his bed, but will be able to be up and about again in a few days.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-1f.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1f.

—No news has been received from Zapata today as to whether or not the bandits who entered and captured the little Mexican town of Agualeguas on Friday night are still there. No information has reached Laredo of any Carranza force having reached the scene to dislodge the bandits. Agualeguas is fifty miles down the Rio Grande from Zapata a short distance inland.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 578 or 1017. 6-20-1f.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-1f.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1f.

Pound Notice.  
Three burros picked up for violation of the City ordinance governing stray animals and now in pound will be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall Thursday morning, December 6, 1917, at ten o'clock, unless the owner or owners call before that time and pay all costs that have accrued.  
M. BRENNAN, City Marshal.  
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 3, 1917.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.  
Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

### DRUGS JEWELRY

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May Open Store Here.  
J. K. Patterson, representative of the Edison Company, left today for his headquarters in San Antonio after a short visit here. Before leaving Mr. Patterson said that he had succeeded while here in interesting a number of Laredo's business men in the project of establishing an Edison store in this city and he believed that it will be done in the very near future.

Notice to Hunters.  
On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.  
H. H. JEFFERIES.  
11-12-1m.

HAS "MEATLESS TUESDAYS" AND "WHEATLESS THURSDAYS"  
Plaza Cafe of Laredo Abides By the Recommendations of Mr. Hoover and Cuts Them From Menus.  
The food conservation propaganda is gradually gaining a stronger foothold in Laredo, and besides numerous housewives having signed the pledge cards to assist in the food conservation work, there are others in Laredo who are holding waste down to the minimum and helping in the work of making more plentiful the supply of foodstuffs throughout the nation.  
While it is not known whether or not there are any of the hotels or restaurants of Laredo abiding by the Hoover recommendation to have a "meatless Tuesday" and a "wheatless Thursday" of each week, nevertheless one local restaurant, the Plaza Cafe, today begins co-operation with Mr. Hoover's ideas and there will be no meat on the menus of that restaurant on Tuesdays, while on Thursdays of each week wheat will be eliminated from the bill of fare. Let other Laredo eating houses adopt the same plan and help in a work that needs the co-operation of everybody, for the less meat and wheat we eat the more there will be to send to our fighting men and those of our allies to keep them in good shape for that good old-fashioned licking that will soon be administered to his nibs, Kaiser Wilhelm.

#### FIVE BILLS OF INDICTMENT RETURNED THIS MORNING

In District Court Civil Docket Was Set for the Term; Criminal Docket to Be Taken Up Dec. 17.

District court for the Forty-ninth Judicial District, which was convened in regular session yesterday morning in this city, today set the civil docket for the term, while the trial of the criminal docket will be taken up on the morning of Monday, December 17.  
The grand jury this morning returned five bills of indictment, as follows: Antonio Flores, burglary; Porfirio Gomez, unlawfully carrying arms; Jose Ybara, theft under \$50; Laureano Garcia, theft under \$50; Juan de Leon, embezzlement under \$50.  
The present term of the district court will be in session for eight weeks.

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## "SLACKER" CASES ON TRIAL TODAY IN FEDERAL COURT

GRAND JURY IS STILL AT WORK  
AND TURNS IN INDICTMENTS.

Yesterday Several Cases Were Disposed of Both By Trial and Passing of Sentence on Convicted Ones.

The cases against the numerous slackers who have been arrested in Laredo during the past few months by department of justice agents and the military, and have been held for trial before the federal court, were taken up this morning, the first "batch" of slackers being brought in to the courtroom this morning for trial before Federal Judge Grubb of the Northern District of Alabama, who is completing the unexpired term of court. There were about twenty of the slackers arraigned this morning. Many of them entered pleas of guilty to either having failed to register or having failed to respond to the summons of exemption boards to appear and stand examination for military service. Some of the defendants were represented by attorneys appointed by the court. Much interest is attached to the trials and the final disposition of the cases.

In the federal court yesterday the case against a Mexican named Zuzana, charged with attempting to smuggle a large quantity of sugar from the American to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande at a point a short distance from Laredo, was tried in federal court yesterday afternoon and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The punishment for the crime will be pronounced by Judge Grubb when he passes sentence. The capture of the smuggler was made by Mounted Customs Inspectors Rumsey and Chamberlain, who confiscated the sugar and took the man into custody and brought him to Laredo and placed him on a charge of violating the president's proclamation against the exportation of food supplies to foreign countries.

Other business transacted yesterday included the returning of three bills of indictment and the trial and sentencing of several parties charged with different kinds of minor offenses, four of the parties having entered pleas of guilty when arraigned yesterday and the others having been convicted the day before.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Harvey D. Gibson, General Manager of the American Red Cross, authorizes the following statement:

"A great number of inquiries are being received by the Red Cross from women knitters throughout the United States as to whether they should discontinue knitting.

"The Red Cross, therefore desires to place before the women of this country its conception of the knitting situation. As is well known it is the policy of the Red Cross to supplement, so far as it has the power, the efforts of the Army and Navy in conserving the health and comfort of our soldiers and sailors, either in this country or abroad.

"Sweaters and other knitted articles are designed primarily for warmth. They certainly are not ornamental. Therefore it most follow that when there is an almost universal demand on the part of our soldiers and sailors for sweaters and other knitted articles the demand is a real one. Such articles, therefore, can only be classed as equipment, supplementary though they may be, to that furnished by the Army and Navy. And they undoubtedly constitute equipment that will add greatly to the health and comfort of our men under conditions generally met with.

"The Red Cross knows that soldiers and sailors want sweaters and other knitted articles. These goods can be obtained from the Red Cross in single garments only upon individual request of a commanding officer. How great the need is, is best evidenced by the fact that in addition to the hundreds of thousands of knitted articles produced by our Red Cross Chapters in the last few months we have been compelled to purchase 550,000 extra sweaters alone to meet the insistent demand made upon us by our men for them. We are sorry that we had to do any purchasing at all because we know how much the soldiers and sailors of this country prefer the sweaters and other articles knitted by the women of this country.

"It may be understood further that in addition to the demands of our Army and Navy we have very urgent demands from Commissions abroad for like articles for destitute civilian populations—men, women and children—who, if not actually homeless are very scantily clad and usually without fuel, in this cold weather, to warm their houses.

"It is hoped that this general statement will satisfy the women of this country who have been devoting all their possible time to knitting for our men. We cannot too strongly urge all women who are now knitting to keep on knitting."

### Notice to the Public.

On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

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11-24-17.

## SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt  
Editor Phone 70

### SOCIAL CALENDAR.

#### Wednesday.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. R. L. Puster at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Red Cross will meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the parlors at Elks Hall with Mrs. H. G. Earnest as instructor.

The Nopales Camp Fire Girls will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Burnett at the usual hour.

The Christian Endeavor Training for Service class will meet at the church in evening.

There will be a society vaudeville at the Royal Opera House in the evening for the benefit of the Honor Guard Girls, under the direction of Miss Lettie Carroll. Matinee at 3:30 o'clock.

#### Thursday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. N. C. Windrow at 3:30 in the afternoon, with Mrs. Ed. Cotulla and Mrs. N. C. Windrow as hostesses.

Red Cross Sewing circles will meet in the parlors of Elks Hall at three o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. Hamilton as instructor.

The Old Maid Auction at the Epworth League room at the First Methodist Church, at 7:30 in the evening.

Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at four o'clock in the afternoon.

O Thou whose equal purpose runs  
In drops of rain or streams of suns,  
And with a soft compulsion rolls  
The green earth on her snowy poles;  
O Thou who keepest in Thy ken  
The times of flowers, the dooms of men,  
Stretch out a mighty wing above—  
Be tender to the land we love!

If all the huddlers from the storm  
Have found her hearthstone wide and warm;  
If she has made men free and glad,  
Sharing with all the good she had;  
If she has blown the very dust  
From her bright balance to be just,  
Oh, spread a mighty wing above—  
Be tender to the land we love!

When in the dark eternal tower  
The star-clock strikes her trial hour,  
And for her help no more avail  
Her sea-blue shield, her mountain mail,  
But sweeping wide, from gulf to lakes,  
The battle on her forehead breaks,  
Throw Thou a thunderous wing above—  
Be lightning for the land we love!

—Wendell Phillips Stafford.

### General Mention.

Mrs. L. H. Wharton returned from San Antonio where she accompanied Mr. Wharton who is en route to Dallas, from whence, after a short stay he will go on to New York for embarkation.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hopkins expect to leave on Friday noon for Tampa, Florida, where they will reside in the future. They will be accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Clarke.

Miss Sara Rice will soon be able to resume her school duties, after a recent illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Lattig and Miss Annie Thaison will arrive today from San Antonio.

Mrs. R. B. Echols and baby, who have been visiting relatives in San Marcos for several weeks, returned to their home in Laredo this afternoon.

### Announcements.

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. D. Z. Windrow Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A feature of the social hour will be a missionary contest. Members will please learn the names of missionaries in China.

### Club Notes.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Millar. The ladies spent the time knitting. A number of completed articles were turned in, and materials given out for other articles to be made. Those present were: Mesdames McClelland, Calhoun, Wood, Hamilton, Hodges, Fox, Keithley, Worsham, Smith, Barlow, Beasley, Dannelly, Crockett, Millar and Miss Brown.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church held its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory yesterday afternoon with Mrs. C. W. Cook. After the service in the church a missionary lesson was held. The remainder of the time was devoted to play. Those present were: Anna May Mussett, Marjorie Fish, Mary Besse MacDonald, Anita and Ethel Laue, Mary

Cook, Elizabeth, and Charline Nye, Ernestine Sielski, Dorothy Seamon, Barbara Biggio, Katherine Aldridge, Ralph Cook, Bayless Gullette, George, Horace and Bobby Kehl, John Robert and Joe Fasnacht, Jack Younklin, and Walter Seamon.

### Missionary Society.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held a social meeting at the church yesterday afternoon. There was a Harvest Program given which afforded much pleasure and interest. Mrs. Skinner was the leader and read the 65th Psalm. Mrs. Perkins sang a beautiful solo, entitled, "God of Our Fathers, Known of Old" by Rudy Kipling. Mrs. Evans gave a delightful reading, "Vision of Sir Launfal." Mrs. Skinner also gave a reading from the "Voice" on Giving. Rev. W. L. Barr closed the program with prayer. The dues were collected and pledges taken. A social hour followed and delicious coffee and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Burnett, Bunn, Evans, Lampman, Lockwood, Skinner, Perkins, Guinn, Miller, Shanks, J. K. Thompson, A. G. Thompson, J. W. Thompson and Mims, and Rev. Mr. Barr.

### Red Cross Notes.

Red Cross Circle A, with Mrs. H. G. Earnest, chairman, completed and packed a box of surgical dressings. The box contained 3,240 gauze sponges, 4 inches square; 144 gauze compresses or pads, 9 inches square; 120 surgical sponges, 12 inches square; 84 gauze rolls, 1 yard long, 4 inches wide. Total 5,388 bandages. This is the 6th box of bandages made by this circle.

### Entertainment.

The members of the Tuesday Bridge Club and a number of additional guests were most delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. B. DaCamara. The rooms were attractively arranged for the occasion, roses, chrysanthemums and potted ferns being used in the decorative note. In the series of games played the high score was won by Mrs. Asher Smith, and she named the Honor Guard Girls for the donation. A delicious salad course was served as the conclusion of the games. Those who enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the afternoon were: Club members—Mesdames Barlow, Bunn, Garlick, Hamilton, A. Martin, J. C. Martin, C. C. Shiner, Vidales, Vidaurri, Weber and T. C. Leyendecker. The guests included Mesdames Lowry, Asher Smith, Fish, Younklin, Marsh and Lagerwall.

### Farewell Party.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church entertained last evening in honor of Clarke Hopkins, who is leaving for Tampa, Florida, to make his future home. The entertainment was given at the manse, and Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Ramsay were the hosts. Buncos and various other games were enjoyed, and then the members individually bade farewell to Mr. Hopkins. Refreshments were served, consisting of hot chocolate and cake. The following were present: Misses Vesta and Anna Sutton, Jo Gray, Catherine Gravis, Marion Gray, Jewel Bridges, Dorothy Borchers, Madonna Sorrell, Hortense Tanenbaum, Florence Shanks and Verna Atkinson; Messrs. Clarke Hopkins, the honor guest, Place, Hines, Baker, Ickes, Spear and Nordsonnie; Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Fred. Spear, Mrs. L. H. Wharton, Miss Irene Hopkins, Henry Bridges, and the host and hostess.

### PERSONALS

S. H. Lewis of Austin is a visitor in the city.

J. B. Hazelrigg of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning.

H. C. Franks, prominent railroad official of San Antonio is in the city.

BENDER.—W. A. McTavish, San Antonio; M. Herring, Houston; L. E. Barrows, Fort Worth; T. P. Parks, St. Louis, Mo.; O. H. Beckman, Chicago, Ill.; J. Donnell, Austin; S. A. Metzger, New York; F. P. Dudley, San Antonio; H. Sellinger, Dallas; L. G. Hall, J. H. Wright, F. N. Moxley, Geo. S. James, San Antonio; J. B. Arellano and wife, Mexico City; C. C. Hudson, F. McGee, J. W. Barber, W. E. Nichols, San Antonio; L. R. Hoard, El Paso; C. Willis, Dallas; J. R. Hobson, San Antonio; F. A. Delahanty, Fort Worth; S. Sachs, Baltimore, Md.; J. G. Holland, Detroit, Mich.

### SPORT CHATTER.

In future only local amateur boxers are to be permitted to take part in the four-round game in San Francisco.

Dr. Williams, football coach at Minnesota, claims that the Gophers' great play, "the Minnesota shift," loses its effectiveness when numbers are used on the players' backs.

The Carlisle football team of today is a sorry looking outfit in comparison with the great Indian teams which Glenn Warner used to turn out year after year.

Complaint is made that fake bouts are being pulled off in several New England cities and that the managers are tardy in starting a little black-list against the offenders.

## FOR THE WAR PHOTOGRAPHER



The steel helmets that have been almost universally adopted by the armies on the battlefields of Europe are now to be used by the photographers who are making the pictorial history of the world combat. They are slightly different from the ones in general use, being conical in shape and coming down far over the eyes.

### THE KAISER SITS UPON A THRONE.

The Kaiser sits upon a throne,  
All good from him hath fled;  
His heart is no more than a stone,  
His soul has long been dead.

His withered soul will tell a tale  
To others in this life,  
That vanity has no reward  
Save loss of friends and strife.

His thoughts to him a night-mare are  
Of the things that he has done—  
The harm he brought to all Man-kind—  
His course is nearly run!

At night when he lies down to rest  
Kind sleep from him hath flown;  
And haunting memories crowd fast  
Of the evil he hath sown.

Spectres of innocent victims—  
Children and maidens pale—  
Appear to him in their distress—  
With fear he now doth quail.

His thoughts race on, he can not sleep,  
A hell on earth his lot!  
A bargain made, his soul he paid  
The Devil in this plot.

The murder of little children!  
The rape of Belgium's land!  
Slavery of man and woman!  
These wrongs against him stand.

Breaker of faith with nations!  
Author of brutal war!  
Names now become infamous—  
Peace comes to him no more.

So many evil things are writ  
Against this fiend, as he doth sit,  
Upon his purple throne—  
Hell claim his soul soul its own!

—S. M. B.

### RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

**Texas-Mexican.**  
Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 1:20 p. m.  
Train No. 3 leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:30 p. m.  
Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 2:10 p. m.  
Train No. 4 arrives from Corpus Christi at 7:05 p. m.

**International & Great Northern.**  
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:01 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.

**Night Train.**  
Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

**Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.**  
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

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# AUSTRIAN WAR RESOLUTIONS PROBABLY WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Resolution Drafted in Accordance with the Views of President Wilson and the State Department was Introduced Today in the House by Chairman Flood of Foreign Relations Committee.

## TEUTONS MASSING MORE MEN AND GUNS

NEW OFFENSIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT INDICATED BY

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By Associated Press.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 5.—Great forces of men and guns have been massed by the Austro-Germans in the Asiago section, according to reports, and resumption of the offensive is expected. The reports indicate that the enemy is employing ten divisions of troops.

**Germans Captured Positions.**  
Berlin, Dec. 5.—The Austro-Germans yesterday captured some hill positions in the Sette community on the mountain front in northern Italy, the war office announced today.

**Only Artillery Activity.**  
London, Dec. 5.—Only artillery activity on both sides on the battle fronts is reported in today's statement. No infantry operations occurred.

**Rumania Also Included.**  
Berlin, Dec. 5.—Negotiations between the Germans and the Russians for an armistice are extending to Rumanian troops, the war office announces.

**Acted Without Instructions.**  
Washington, Dec. 5.—It is announced officially that both Lieut. Col. Judson, head of the American military mission to Russia, and Major M. C. Kerth, temporary military attaché to the American embassy, acted without instructions from this government in presenting communications to the Bolshevik government on the attitude of the United States in the effort to effect a separate peace and armistice with Germany.

**Downed German Airplanes.**  
Paris, Dec. 5.—Eight German airplanes were brought down Monday, the war office announces. Active artillery fighting is in progress on the Verdun front east of the Meuse.

**Success in Mesopotamia.**  
London, Dec. 5.—British troops, acting in conjunction with an efficient force of Russians, have carried out successful operations in Mesopotamia. Maj. Gen. Maurice, chief director of military operations, announces.

**Dry Forces to Meet at the Capital.**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Leading workers of the Anti-Saloon League of America met in Washington today to perfect final arrangements for the national convention of the organization to be held here next week.

Announcement is made that practically every denomination of Christians in the United States will be represented on the convention program. Among the speakers will be Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Samuel P. Spreng, of the Evangelical Association Church; Bishop George M. Mathews, of the United Brethren Church; Dr. James Springham, representing the Episcopal Church Temperance Society; William Jennings Bryan, one of the foremost laymen of the Presbyterian Church; Dr. A. J. Barton, a representative of the Baptist denomination; James A. White, a United Presbyterian, and Dr. James Cannon, a minister of the M. E. Church, South.

**Office of the Deputy Collector of Customs.** Port of Laredo, Texas, December 5, 1917. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, December 22nd, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the customhouse, one lot of cigars, cigarettes, perfume, jewelry, opals and lace, seized for violation of the United States Revenue laws. Rob't L. Ginn, Deputy Collector.

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Washington, Dec. 5.—Postponement of the Austrian war resolutions until next week appeared probable today after a conference between the chairmen of the senate and house foreign committees. Chairman Flood of the house committee said he hoped to get the resolution before the house tomorrow, but a postponement until Friday appeared probable and in such an event it was believed that the senate could not act before next week, unless simultaneous consideration in both houses was arranged.

**Suffrage and Prohibition.**  
Washington, Dec. 5.—Outlining the legislative program in the house, Democratic Leader Kitchin said today that legislation should be confined as far as possible to appropriation and war measures, but that the woman suffrage and prohibition constitutional amendments, he expected, will be taken up and voted on before the Christmas holidays. He said conservation measures will be considered.

**Introduced War Resolution.**  
Washington, Dec. 5.—A joint resolution, drafted in accordance with the views of the president and the state department, declaring that a state of war exists and has existed since noon today between the United States and the Austro-Hungarian government, and directing the employment of the entire naval and military forces to carry on war against that government, was introduced today by Chairman L. Flood of the house foreign affairs committee.

**Increase Discount Rates.**  
Washington, Dec. 5.—To discourage inflation and promote sound business conditions, the federal reserve board has approved a general increase in the discount rates of about one-half per cent for most of the twelve federal reserve banks.

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## GOVERNMENT OPERATION.

Everything points to the speedy decision on the part of the government to take over the railroads of the country. Even such a conservative concern as the interstate commerce commission suggests government operation as the alternative for the recommended step of suspending of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws and a government loan to the railroads.

There is no doubt that the railroads are "between the devil and the deep blue sea." Their employees are demanding an increase of pay; the shippers are complaining of the excessive freight rates; the government demands a unification of the systems to centralize the transportation of government necessities; and the people are ap in arms over the poor service they are getting now when every wheel that turns must be turned to the advantage of a government at war.

The threatened strike of the railway employees is not the only menace the railroads are facing. They are confronted with the possibility of having their lines and their rolling stock commandeered in order that the government may have its supplies handled with greater security and celerity. They know that the service is not all that could be expected, but they can do no better while the cost of every item of material they need has increased to an impossible figure and the military needs of the country are dominating the output of every steel mill and locomotive factory.

It may be that the needs of the government will be best subverted by government operation of the railroads. This is something which the administration hesitates to decide upon, although it has been contemplated for some months past. The cost to the government of running the roads would be greater than that of any railway company, even though the government does not figure upon any profit.

Many of the railway employees have been drafted for service or have voluntarily gone to render service in a civilian capacity abroad. Many more are still subject to draft, with the prospect that they will be called before spring.

Shortness of material, shortness of labor, increased cost of everything necessary for upkeep, to say nothing of new construction, increased demands for higher wages—surely the lot of a railway magnate nowadays is anything but enviable.

It is not surprising that the interstate commerce commission suggests the suspension of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws for the duration of the war. Both measures are at present interfering with the desired co-operation on the part of the railroads of the country, and there has been little good resulting from the enforcement of them in the past.

So far as a government loan is concerned, it would seem the best of policy to lend our railroads some of the millions being secured through Liberty bonds and increased taxation. After all, they are doing much to aid in the successful prosecution of the war, and they are certainly as much entitled to aid as our allies.

We are sending large forces, much machinery and rolling stock and a great deal of money abroad to advance the railroad interests of France and Russia, in the hope that any improvement will be to our advantage, as well as that of our allies. Why not do the same for our own railroads, upon which will depend the speedy and effective transportation of so much that we need to handle the war in the most effective manner?

If it is desirable to send large quantities of supplies abroad, then it is equally desirable to so arrange our transportation facilities that we may hurry the shipments to the seaboard. We are building a great many ships to carry our supplies abroad, but without the prompt and efficient co-operation of the railroads, these supplies will not reach the ports from which they are to sail.

There is little reason to complain of the railroads during the war. They have done much and are willing to do more, but they should be helped if they are to give the fullest measure of service to our government during the continuation of the war.

## CONSERVING WASTE.

One thing the Germans can teach us is the conservation of much that now goes to swell our junk heaps. A recent case in point was the result of the investigation of the legislative committee when they visited the penitentiary grounds.

Tons upon tons of steel and iron were found in the junk heap, among which were heavy flywheels, discarded machines, the running gear of a locomotive, steel sills for buildings, cast-iron grates for boilers, steel bars of various shapes and sizes, and even a number of electric motors which had been ruined by fire, but which still contained the copper wiring and the armatures.

The value of this enormous quantity of junk is great, and much of it, under the system of conservation which originated among the thrifty Germans and is now practiced in some of our large industrial plants, has been salvaged before it was ruined by rust and abandoned as

which it buys and working them over into reinforcing for concrete buildings. Much of the material found in the penitentiary junk heap could have used to advantage in this way, and there is still an opportunity to save much of it, were it not for the red tape which surrounds all state transactions.

It has been lately discovered that the "sludge" from acetylene gas plants makes a valuable whitewash. Formerly the waste from this source was merely a nuisance.

The thrifty French in the sugar fields of Louisiana discovered that the "bagasse," or refuse cane after the juice had been expressed, made a fine fuel for their boilers, and thus they saved a great percentage of the fuel used in their mills.

Sawdust from the lumber mills is used to feed the furnaces which supply power for the mill as well as for kiln drying the lumber. And now some of the mills are making "briquettes," or blocks of the sawdust and selling them to other concerns for fuel.

All are familiar with the transformation of the formerly useless cotton seed into one of the most valuable products of the Southland. There is no product which gives so many articles as the cottonseed.

Even the natives of the far-off Pacific isles use the husk of the coconut to make mats and thatch for their huts. The waste products of many tropical industries are used by the thrifty natives to their advantage.

It is said that the great packing plants utilize everything of the pig but the squeal. Yet some years ago the packing plants were considered nuisances to their neighbors because they had no place to put much of their waste.

The waste sulphuric fumes from many plants in the United States used to poison the air and destroy vegetation. Now they are converted into the useful sulphuric acid, of which a noted scientist once said that a nation's civilization is in direct ratio to its use.

The by-products of many a factory constitute its profit, as the main product in many cases only pays for the running of the plant. And the science of modern days is converting many a former waste product into something useful.

We may never reach the heights of thrift of the present German government, which is rendering the bodies of the dead soldiers for the sake of the fats they contain, to be converted later into the glycerine which is so necessary in the production of high explosives.

But at least we can save many things which we now waste. The soldiers even find a use for the empty cans in which meat and other foods were sent them. They fill them with stones and hang them on the barbed wire entanglements to give them warning of a night attack.

The war is bringing home to all of us the necessity for saving anything that can be of use. There is still a wide range of possibilities along this line, and American genius is capable of many inventions.

The Teutons are massing another large force on the Italian frontier. But by this time the Italians and their allies are ready for the big drive, and it may have a different ending from the previous one.

Congress is again in session, but so far we have not had occasion to notice it. As soon as the new war declaration is passed, we may look for the fireworks; and then begins the Christmas vacation. Verily, the life of a congressman is an easy one.

## MANY FIELDS ALFALFA NOW IN COUNTRY ABOUT LAREDO

Experiment in the Growth of the Fodder Plant Hereabouts Shows It Can Be Grown With Good Profit.

Heretofore alfalfa, which has become a luxury as stock feed on account of the high price to which the fodder-plant lucerne has soared, was very sparingly grown in this section of the state, but when the product a few months ago began to rise in price in proportion with other commodities and soon exceeded all expectations, farmers in this section decided to devote patches of ground to the growing of this wholesome fodder.

At this time there are many small fields of alfalfa to be observed growing on the farms around Laredo, and as the crop appears to thrive and take on a prolific growth hereabouts, it is now an assured fact that alfalfa will in the future be planted on a more extensive scale than ever, as it is not only a most wholesome and nutritious feed for cattle, horses, mules, goats, etc., but it is always saleable, as a great demand constantly exists for good alfalfa. Even at the high figure which is now asked for the fodder it is scarce—in fact, real good alfalfa is much in demand just now.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

## Slip a few Prince Albert smokes into your system!

You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that *cuts out* bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day. Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but *you know* that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time firing up every little so often, *without a regret!* You'll feel like your smoke past has been wasted and will be sorry you cannot back up for a fresh start.

You swing on this say-so like it was a tip to a thousand-dollar bill! It's worth that in happiness and contentment to you, to every man who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

**PRINCE ALBERT**  
the national joy smoke

TOBACCO IS PREPARED FOR SMOKERS UNDER THE PROCESS DISCOVERED IN MAKING EXPERIMENTS TO PRODUCE THE MOST DELIGHTFUL AND WHOLE-SOME TOBACCO FOR CIGARETTE AND PIPE SMOKERS. PROCESS PATENTED JULY 30<sup>th</sup> 1907.

R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO. WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

THIS IS THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE TIDY RED TIN

THE Prince Albert tidy red tin, and in fact, every Prince Albert package, has a real message-to-you on its reverse side. You'll read: "Process Patented July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1907." That means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which tongue bite and throat parch are cut out! Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting you in tidy red bags, 5c. tidy red tins, 10c.; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidor and in that clever crystal-glass humidor, with sponge-moistener top, that keeps the tobacco in such fine condition—always!

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2758 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Mrs. Ida B. Muller is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Mrs. Ida B. Muller on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$89.50 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 932, and all of Block No. 941 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS, Sheriff of Webb County, Texas. By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2762 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and W. R. Pace is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said W. R. Pace on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$64.60 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Block No. 764 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Block No. 432, 434 and 444, in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible or you would avoid a bilious attack; HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. x

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Notice to Tax-payers. On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES, 11-12-1m.

## STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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## BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE

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## SLACKERS TO BE SOLDIERS, BUT AGAINST THEIR CHOICE

THOSE TRIED IN FEDERAL COURT SENTENCED TO JAIL TERMS.

Slackers Tried Mostly Plead Guilty and Were Given Light Jail Terms and Then May Go Into Army.

That those fellows with the yellow streak down their backs who skipped out either to evade registration on June 5 last, or who after registering got a case of "cold feet" when the possibility of army service stared them in the face, believing in the slogan that "it is better to be a live coward than a dead hero," will have to do their "bit" involuntarily was the climax of their trials in federal court on charges of being "slackers." Those of the numerous slackers who have already been tried before Judge Grubb in the most instances entered pleas of guilty and when sentences were passed on them yesterday afternoon they carried terms of confinement in the county jail for a period of from five to sixty days, most of them having already been there the maximum length of time. At the expiration of their jail terms the slackers, it is said, will be taken charge of by the department of justice and by them turned over to the exemption boards for drafting into the army, and all who pass the required physical examinations will be impressed involuntarily into the army service.

Up to yesterday afternoon when the trial of the first batch of cases and sentences were passed there were many yet remaining to be tried, as at this time slackers are incarcerated in both the county jail and the guardhouse at Fort McIntosh. The sentences passed on those so far arraigned may be taken as a criterion of the punishment coming to the whole bunch of slackers. The prisoners represent men coming from various parts of the country, though most of them are Mexican-Americans and many from this and nearby counties. They represent young men who had failed to comply with the law to register on June 5, and the whimsical excuses given by some why they did not comply with this duty were ridiculous. Others had been summoned by the exemption boards to appear on a certain date for examination for possible military service and failed to do so, while some others appeared before the boards, had no exemptions and were accepted for military service and summoned in time to appear on a certain date for enrollment to the training camps. Realizing that they were due for military service they had but one alternative left them, that of doing their duty toward their country or skipping out to Mexico to evade that duty. The consequence was that many slackers were apprehended in Laredo by the department of justice agents and the military intelligence department and within a short time the arrest of slackers was so heavy they had to be removed to Fort McIntosh to make room for prisoners which the county and city placed in the jail.

There is very little sympathy apparent here for the slackers, for one who will violate the law that a good American citizen is expected to keep inviolate at this crucial time in the history of the country has no grounds on which to expect sympathy from the American people. Many men have volunteered their services to their country, others have been drafted into the service and accepted the result with true American spirit, while the slackers—well, they are of the yellow kind who laid aside all principles of real manhood and either surreptitiously avoided registration or after being selected showed their cowardice by trying to skip to a foreign country to evade military service.

## ASTOUNDING REPORT FOR LAREDO.

The wife of a merchant had stomach trouble so bad she could eat nothing but toast, fruit and hot water. Everything else would sour and ferment. ONE SPOONFUL buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika benefited her INSTANTLY. Because Adler-ika flushes the ENTIRE alimentary tract, it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything ever sold. The City Drug Co.

## Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Collector. 12-4-1m.

## LITTLE LOCALS

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Ignacio H. Valdez and Miss Rosa Lozano, Juan Valverde and Miss Guadalupe Contreras.

—It is reported that one of the new state ranger companies now being organized will make its headquarters in Laredo and that another company will be located not far away. When it comes to efficient work in preserving law and order the people must take off their hats to the Texas Rangers. They are the boys that go after the "bad men" right now and get them.

—It would be well for all registrants who get the questionnaires to be mailed out soon to give immediate attention to the filling out of the documents and then getting them to the proper parties in the stipulated time. The questionnaires in a way are a problem to some, but get the assistance of someone who understands them and fill them out without delay.

—In federal court yesterday the motion for a new trial in the case of Plovatty vs. Nye, a suit to recover on onion contract, which was tried before the late Judge Burns, and a verdict was rendered for Nye, was overruled by Judge Grubb.

—Many Laredo merchants are complaining of an unusual small business at this season of the year on account of the passport regulations having scared off many of the buyers who come here from Mexico. If these people would only acquaint themselves with the passport requirements they would discover that it is not such a bugaboo as it appears to be to them.

—The work of construction and finishing on the handsome home of the Latin-American Club has been completed by the contractor, C. H. Brient, and as soon as the architect, L. Harrington, arrives here from San Antonio, the building will be passed on and received by the directors of the club.

## RECRUITS FOR COMPANY AND WANTS SOME REAL MEN

Captain William Ryan, Newly-Appointed Ranger Captain, in Quest of Men With Proper Qualifications.

Captain William Ryan of Luling, one of the newly-appointed captains of Texas Rangers under the act of the Texas legislature providing for an increased ranger force, arrived in Laredo yesterday and spent the day and night here, leaving this morning for Hebbronville, from where he will return to this city this afternoon.

Captain Ryan is here recruiting eligible men for his ranger force. The principal qualifications of a Texas ranger are his knowledge of the country, horsemanship and marksmanship, good judgment and all the requisites that make for virility and fearlessness in performance of duty. Captain Ryan wants men of these qualifications for his ranger force, and any who deem themselves eligible and able to meet the requirements should call on the captain, who will be at the Bender Hotel tonight and tomorrow.

## Notice to the Public.

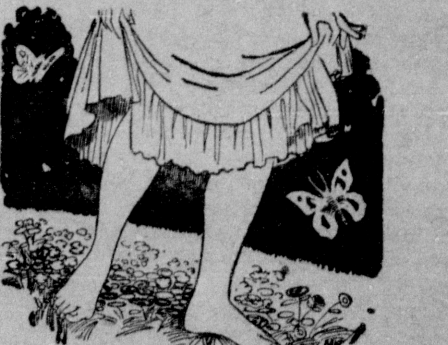
On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager. 11-24-1f.

## "I'll Show You How—Corns Peel Off!"

## Ever Peel a Banana Skin? That's It!

"I should worry about those corns—I just put some 'Gets-It' on." Corns used to pester the world into a frenzy, ending in pain, gas, swelling toes, tinkering with plasters



## "Gets-It" Puts Your Feet in Clover

—It Ends Corns Quickly and tape, trying to fix a corn so it wouldn't hurt. But now no one in the world "should worry," because the moment you put "Gets-It" on it means the end of a corn. There is nothing in the world like "Gets-It"—nothing as sure and certain—nothing that you can count on to take off a corn or callus every time, and without danger. The corn never grew that "Gets-It" will not get. It never irritates the flesh, never makes your toe sore. Just two drops of "Gets-It" and presto! the corn-pain vanishes. Shortly you can peel the corn right off with your finger and there you are—corn-free and happy with the toe as smooth and corn-free as your palm. Never happened before, did it? Guess not.

Get a bottle of "Gets-It" today from any drug store, you need pay no more than 25c, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

—Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by G. C. Horner.

City Drug Co. People's Pharmacy, (Flavio Vargas, Prop.)

**NATHALINA**  
Mexican Preparation  
Returns to the hair its natural color whether blond, brown or black; it does not stain the skin; nor contain silver nitrate, it's not harmful and is easy to use.  
By Express \$1.50 from San Antonio Drug Co., San Antonio, Tex., The Warner Drug Co., El Paso, Tex., Shelby Thier Co., Laredo, Texas, and at Drug Stores. By wholesale from  
F. M. Espinoza R., Box 215 Laredo, Texas Agents Wanted



## THE BUDGET CAMPAIGN WORK CONTINUES TO BE SUCCESSFUL

SOLICITING COMMITTEES MEET WITH NO REFUSALS.

Mexican-American Firms Show Generous Co-operation and All Thus Far Seen Have Signed the Budget.

The budget campaign for the Laredo Chamber of Commerce has been taken up on two mornings of this week and twenty-five additional subscriptions were obtained. The committees that have been out soliciting have not yet encountered a single refusal. Prior to this week the campaign was conducted by Messrs. R. K. Mims, J. R. Moore and B. G. Salinas. This week the campaign has been taken up by G. R. Weber, chairman of the membership committee; A. M. Garcia of the firm of R. Gonzales and Brother and J. W. Kenney, secretary.

The subscriptions received up to Monday of this week have been previously acknowledged in the press of this city. The following are the subscriptions that have since been added to the budget, each of which carries with it, in addition, the regular dues of \$1 per month, effective from Nov. 1, 1917:—

J. O. Buenz Lumber Co.	\$100.00
Joseph Netzer	40.00
T. A. Austin	25.00
Earnest, Lattig Co.	40.00
Ilfeld & Purwin	50.00
Julian M. Treviño	25.00
Raul Casso	25.00
M. Vizcaya Sierra	50.00
E. Denike	25.00
Pedro Treviño & Co.	25.00
S. N. Johnson	40.00
F. V. Yzaguirre	20.00
Cuevara Brothers	30.00
Manuel Cruz	15.00
Union Dry Goods Co.	15.00
J. E. Applewhite	15.00
Fritz Werner	15.00
A. E. Vidaurri Sons	15.00
Laredo Novelty Co.	15.00
A. Flores	20.00
R. D. Gonzales and Bros.	20.00
J. M. Ramos	20.00
Ferrera, Garza & Cia.	20.00
Herrera's Pharmacy	15.00
La Bella Jardinera	15.00

Membership subscriptions were also obtained from Solomon Freed and Zuhiga Drug Store. The Mexican-American merchants have shown a splendid spirit. All of them are interested in community development, in the work of the Chamber of Commerce and are willing to lend their aid.

There is a considerable number of business houses and professional men yet to be seen, including some of the larger establishments. The campaign will be completed soon and a circular issued to the members containing a complete report.

## SPENT ABOUT HALF HER TIME IN BED

REAL ESTATE MAN'S WIFE GAINS FIFTEEN POUNDS ON TANLAC NOW A WELL WOMAN

"I have gained fifteen pounds since taking Tanlac and am feeling like a well woman for the first time in six years," said Mrs. J. H. Smith, wife of a well known real estate man and living at 215 Callahan, Muskogee, recently.

"I suffered from a severe case of indigestion, nervousness and a general breakdown," she continued, "and in spite of everything I could do I kept getting worse all the time. I had no appetite, and for weeks at a time I lived on raw eggs and sweet milk and even that would sometimes disagree with me. I had dizzy spells and my head would swim so I couldn't walk across the room without holding on to something. My nerves were all on edge and I couldn't hardly sleep at all for worrying about my condition and by morning I would be so weak and fagged out I was hardly able to get up at all. I was fast going down hill and I actually got so weak and listless at last that I had to take to my bed and stay there half the time."

"One day my mother came to me and she told me so much about the good Tanlac had done her that I ordered a bottle and started taking it, and I had taken only a few doses when I knew I had at last found what I needed. I have improved right along ever since and I can now eat anything I want and it agrees with me. I don't have those dizzy spells any more, my nerves are all right again and I sleep like a baby. I have gained so much in every way that I am strong enough to do all my housework and find it a pleasure instead of a task. I have taken many different kinds of medicines during the last six years but Tanlac was the only one that really did me any good."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Windrow Drug Co. (Adv.)

**BELL'S**  
Absolutely Removes  
Indigestion. Druggists  
refund money if it fails. 25c

## SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt  
Editor Phone 70

### SOCIAL CALENDAR.

#### Friday.

Red Cross meeting at Elks Hall at three o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. Leonard Nelson as instructor.

The Woman's Club will entertain with a program at the Army Y. M. C. A. in the evening at eight o'clock.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will meet at the Public Library at 7 o'clock in the evening.

#### Saturday.

The Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. W. MacGregor at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Scouts will meet at five o'clock at the residence of Dr. H. M. Austin.

Ladies Night at the 37th Infantry Club.

Hall! Brightest banner that floats on the gale!  
Flag of the country of Washington, hall!

Red are thy stripes with the blood of the brave,  
Bright are thy stars as the sun on the wave;

Wrapt in thy folds are the hopes of the free,  
Banner of Washington! Blessings on thee!

Hope of the world! On thy mission sublime,  
When thou didst burst on the path-way of time,

Millions from darkness and bondage awake;  
Music was first born when liberty spoke:

Millions to come shall yet join in the glee;  
Land of the pilgrims' hope! Blessings on thee!

Traitors shall perish and treason shall fail!  
Kingdoms and thrones in thy glory grow pale!

Thou shalt live on, and thy people shall own  
Loyalty's sweet, when each heart is thy throne;

Union and freedom thine heritage be,  
Country of Washington! Blessings on thee!

—William E. Robinson.

#### General Mention.

Mrs. M. A. Windrow of California has arrived and will spend the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Bunn have moved their residence from Matamoros street to the corner of Farragut and Santa Maria avenue.

Mr. Randolph Robertson of Monterey arrived in the city early part of the week for a short stay.

Mr. Gillan of Mexico City, after a short stay in Laredo, has returned to Mexico.

Mr. Westcott of Pennsylvania is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan.

Mrs. S. N. Johnson left at noon today for San Antonio to spend a few days with her son, Master Sam Johnson, who is attending college in that city.

Mrs. Cuellar, wife of General Samuel Garcia Cuellar, accompanied by her children, have arrived here to join General Cuellar and make their home. They came to Laredo from Mexico City.

#### Club Notes.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church were delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Ed. Cotulla and Mrs. N. C. Windrow at the home of the latter. A business session was held upon the arrival of the members in which it was voted to tender thanks to Mrs. S. B. Hopkins, who has served the society as president for the past two years, and who has been untiring in her efforts for the betterment of the organization. Mrs. Hopkins was presented with a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses. She left today for Tampa, Florida, to make her future home. Ten dollars was also given to the sidewalk fund. At the conclusion of the business session the hostesses served delicious coffee and cake to the following ladies: Mesdames Borchers, Poole, Lattig, Hopkins, Butler, Earnest, Throckman, Wheatly, Copeland, H. M. Austin, MacCulloch, L. A. Morrow and Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey and the hostesses.

Red Cross Knitting Circle held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. T. A. Bunn. A number of finished articles were turned in and materials were given out to make more. Those present were: Mesdames Cullinan, Langford, Allee, Mathews, Mason, Fulton, Stucky, Mims, Hodges and the hostess.

#### Baptist Aid Society.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church were pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. D. Z. Windrow. At the conclusion of the

business session, a musical contest was enjoyed, after which the hostess served a delicious salad course to the following members: Mesdames Jennings, Wilkes, Campbell, Landrum, Abshear, Ince, Horner, Wharton, Henry, Beasley, Mann, Saltee, J. G. Eurr, Craig, Heaner, Bridges, Miss Pace. The guests included Mesdames Talafarro and M. A. Windrow.

#### Entertainment.

Miss Theodora Gullette entertained very informally at cards yesterday afternoon, complimenting Miss Hazel Davis of San Antonio, who is the house-guest of Mrs. John Tucker Hall for the week-end. The rooms were fragrant with red roses and red and white chrysanthemums were also used in the decorative note. In the series of games played, Mrs. E. J. Dwan scored high and Mrs. A. Martin low. A dainty refreshment course followed the game. Those present besides the honor guest were: Miss Belle Westbrook, and Mesdames Gill, Halsell, Dwan, Russell, A. Martin, Gilbreath and the hostess.

#### To Discuss Plans.

The Executive Committees of the Women's Club and the Heights Civic Club will meet Monday afternoon at Market Hall to discuss plans for Christmas festivities for the soldiers to be held in the Library and Reading Room, and various other community questions that have arisen in connection with the Food Conservation work.

#### Army Y. M. C. A. Christmas Party.

Plans are on foot to give the men at Fort McIntosh a merry Christmas. The War Recreation Board, Red Cross, Community Chorus, Y. M. H. A., Woman's Club, the churches and all other organizations are requested to lend their help towards preparing a program.

The executives of these organizations will please communicate with Mr. MacDonald at the Army Y. M. C. A. in order that a get together meeting may be arranged. We want you all to help make this a success.

#### Christmas for Soldiers.

The holiday season is very near and naturally the thoughts of all loyal Americans turn to our soldiers, who are making the supreme sacrifice for our nation, and for each of us individually. We all ask ourselves how we can best help them to be a little happier—how we may in some degree fill the great void in their hearts during this season.

Kindly suffer a few suggestions from one who knows what this season means to our boys in the camps.

To those who have homes and are anxious to serve, may I say this? Welcome them not so much for what you will give them to eat, for their company funds will provide a far finer Christmas dinner than most of us will feel we can afford—but give them the touch of true home life, which of necessity they can not have in their quarters.

To those who are not able to open their homes, but are anxious to bring cheer through community efforts, I would say this: Plan for whatever entertainments you have in view to take place away from the camp and its environment, since officers and men and the Y. M. C. A. will as always arrange suitable entertainments in camp.

If you will do these things, it will give the boys, more than anything else perhaps, the feeling that your efforts are an expression of appreciation of all they are willing to do when the time comes for them to "go over the top."

In sincerity submitted,

MRS. M. H. PENNELL.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

## PERSONALS

Roy Jennings and Bash Compton came in yesterday from the Jennings ranch.

Chas. H. Stowers returned this morning from a short business trip to San Antonio.

BENDER:—E. C. Watson, St. Louis, Mo.; J. R. Wood, R. T. McEachen, R. J. Moore, J. E. Harper, San Antonio; H. C. Wear, Dr. W. C. Loomis, Wichita, Kan.; Herbert S. Green, H. Syms, W. C. Wilcox, San Antonio; John Thuall, Waco; Lew J. West, Milwaukee, Wis.; J. W. Shelor, Dallas; J. W. Greene, Chicago, Ill.; W. M. Ryan, Lullings, Floyd E. Beasley, Richard E. Johnson, San Antonio.

## TO "ANNIHILATE" BANDITS IS MISSION OF LARGE FORCE

2,500 CAVALRY WILL HUNT DOWN AND EXTERMINATE BANDITS.

Seventeen Men Suspected of Being in Gang Which Robbed Freight Train Hung Near Villadama.

Information received in Nuevo Laredo is to the effect that General Manuel Dieguez, governor of the state of Jalisco, and one of the fighting men of the Carranza forces, has been dispatched to Northeastern Mexico with a force that will aggregate 2,500 cavalry, to run down and annihilate bandits operating in the country between Monterey and Victoria and the border. When the large force of soldiery will arrive was not stated, but they will be mobilized and begin work as soon as possible. General Dieguez, the commander of the proposed big force, is now in Nuevo Laredo.

Reports were also received in this city yesterday to the effect that 17 men apprehended by Carranza troops scouting near Villadama, and who were suspected of being attached to the command of Almazan when the freight train was attacked and looted near there last week, were summarily executed by being hung to telegraph poles and their bodies riddled with bullets. This latter information was brought by passengers arriving here yesterday, the executions having taken place on Tuesday.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Webb.  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2747 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Julian Granados, Jr. is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against the said Julian Granados, Jr. on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$212.00 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's. 4 and 5 in Block No. 88 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

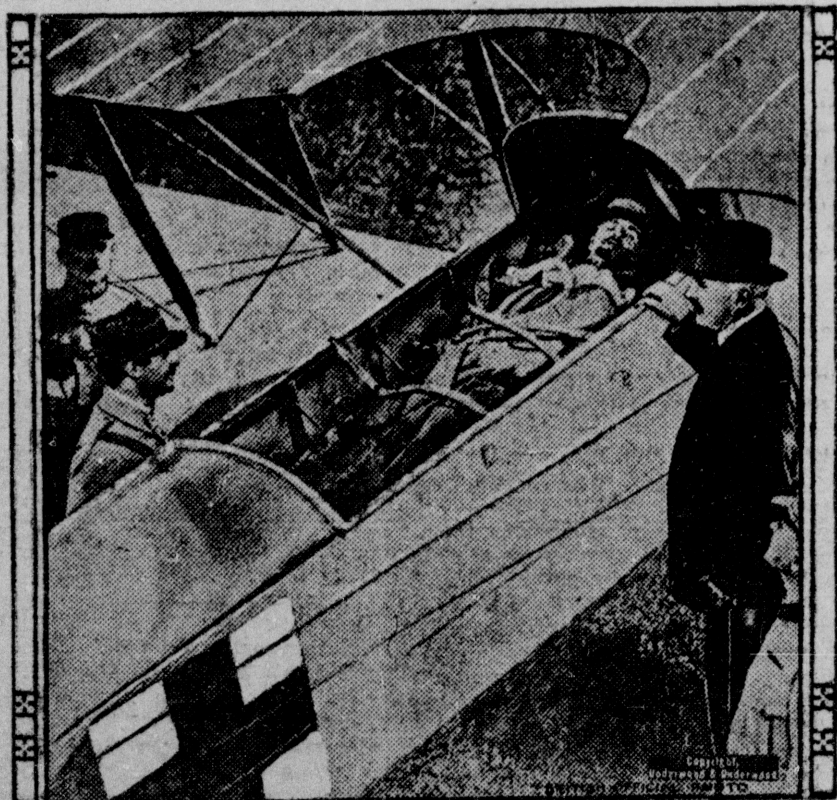
I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,

Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.  
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

## AIRPLANE AMBULANCE IS LATEST DEVICE



To the many inventions that military ingenuity and war's necessity have created during this war is now added the airplane ambulance. When speed is urgently needed to prevent death, the aero is infinitely better than the motor ambulance. This British official photograph shows a rehearsal of the use of one of the new aero ambulances. Its use is advocated by Doctor Channing, a member of the French chamber of deputies.

# FIRES STILL BURNING IN HALIFAX WHERE THE WORK OF RESCUE IS STILL GOING ON

Estimates Vary from Two Thousand to Five Thousand Dead, while at Least Two Thousand are Injured—Snow Storm Impeding Rescue Work, Although it Aids in Extinguishing the Flames.

By Associated Press.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—Fires are still burning in sections of Halifax which were destroyed by the disastrous ship explosion. A heavy storm set in early this morning, seriously impeding the work of rescue and covering the bodies of the dead. The snow, however, comes as an aid in quenching the flames. Special trains bringing doctors, nurses and medical supplies arrived today. Trainloads of wounded have been sent to Windsor and other places to hospitals. Up to noon today there had been no change in the police estimate of 2,000 dead. About the same number were injured, two-thirds of whom are suffering from wounds inflicted by flying glass. There is wreck and ruin on every side; every building in the city is damaged. Business is suspended and will be for days. All schools and colleges are closed. Soldiers and sailors, including seamen from an American warship which rushed to the scene, are patrolling the district and aiding in the rescue work.

#### Red Cross to the Rescue.

Boston, Dec. 7.—A special train carrying a Red Cross unit consisting of 15 physicians and 30 nurses and a quantity of medical and other supplies starts for Halifax this afternoon.

#### Five Thousand Killed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Five thousand persons are believed to have been killed in the explosion in Halifax harbor and the fire which swept north Halifax and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, according to advices from a naval commander reaching the navy department. The navy despatch said the figures had not been verified.

#### Passengers Are Safe.

New York, Dec. 7.—Word has been received here that the passengers and crew of the Holland-American line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam are safe in Halifax.

#### REPORT SERIOUS BATTLE

The Mexican consulate in Laredo gave out the following information at the hour of going to press:

"Government troops under General Carlos Ozuena today encountered a considerable force of Felicistas under Gen. Almazan near Agualeguas. A serious fight ensued, during which 70 Felicistas were killed, many wounded and the remainder put to flight, scattering in all directions."

The casualties on the side of the government troops were not given.

#### TO BE SHORTER AND TIGHTER.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 7.—Less yardage is to be the keynote of woman's dress the coming year, according to opinions expressed by the members of the National Cloak, Suit and Style Manufacturers, who assembled in Cleveland today for their annual convention and style show. Scarcity of materials and the ever increasing cost of labor will continue to exert a powerful influence on the trend of styles for women. Not only in this influence apparent in the domestic offerings for Spring, but the Paris importations as well show a marked tendency toward smaller yardage. Arrangements of materials, however, are very cleverly worked out, and a number of striking new effects are introduced which give a particularly pleasing and youthful appearance.

#### COLD WAVE WARNING.

Cold wave southern portion east Texas; temperature will fall from 20 to 30 degrees Saturday. Freezing to coast by Sunday morning.

## RANCH STORE WAS ROBBED BY GANG OF MEXICAN BANDITS

Ranch About Ten Miles Below Zapata Visited Last Night and All Provisions in the Store Taken.

Advices were received in Laredo today to the effect that last night a gang of fifteen Mexican bandits crossed to the American side of the Rio Grande and raided a store on a ranch in that vicinity.

The information stated that all supplies of provisions in the store were taken by the bandits, and then they made their getaway back to the Mexican side of the boundary line.

## WAR RESOLUTION PASSED IN SENATE

HOUSE EXPECTED TO VOTE AT SIX O'CLOCK ON RESOLUTION AND PASS IT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With less than an hour's debate the senate today passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary, by a vote of 71 to 0. La Follette left during the speechmaking and did not cast a vote. There was every indication the resolution would pass the house with only one dissenting vote, Representative Meyer London, socialist. After the house acts the two resolutions will be reconciled or one substituted for the other.

#### To Vote This Evening.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house is expected to vote on the war declaration resolution about 6 o'clock this evening.

#### Debate on War Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Debate on the Austrian war resolution began shortly after the senate convened this morning, unanimous consent being secured for its immediate consideration.

#### Members of Aircraft Board.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Howard Coffin of Michigan has been nominated by President Wilson as chairman, and Richard Howe of New York as member of the government aircraft board.

#### OIL STRIKE ENDED.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 7.—A settlement of the oil workers' strike affecting 8,000 men in the Texas and Louisiana fields was agreed upon this morning. The agreement will be signed this afternoon.

#### MAUDE ADAMS DOING HER BIT.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 7.—Maude Adams is one of the actresses who believes in doing her bit to help the nation at war. Her activities are being directed especially toward making life pleasant for the boys in the service. During a three weeks engagement recently concluded in Boston Miss Adams established a new high record for the distribution of free tickets to her performance. Every night during the engagement several score of sailors from the Charlestown navy yard or soldiers from the near-by camps and barracks saw the "show" at Miss Adams' expense. Not only were the tickets distributed free, but the actress paid the war tax on each and every one of them out of her own pocket. The war tax alone on the tickets thus given away amounted to more than \$150.

## EXPRESS COMPANIES WANT MORE MONEY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The applications recently filed by the express companies for a 10 per cent rate increase come up for hearing today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. In support of their applications eight of the leading companies have submitted figures to show that they operated at an actual aggregate loss of \$369,000 during the month of July, and that during the previous six months their aggregate business and revenues had slumped to the extent of several million dollars. Despite these figures submitted by the companies it is expected that shippers will offer strenuous objections to the proposed rate increase.

#### Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver, keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin H. Burn, N. Y.





From Saturday's Daily.

## THE RED CROSS.

Now when the Christmas drive for increased membership in the American Red Cross is in active operation, it might be well to give our readers some idea of what is being done with the hundred millions raised by the campaign of last summer.

In addition to the money, the following special gifts were made: Ford Motor Company, a credit of half a million dollars, to be used for automobiles, motor ambulances or parts. A credit of a quarter million dollars by the Western Union Telegraph Company for telegraph and cable service. A million and a half cigarettes, 20,000 packages of smoking tobacco and 10,000 cuts of chewing tobacco by the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company. A million and a half of cigarettes by the P. Lorillard Company. A motor kitchen completely equipped for service in France by Louis Sherry of New York.

Other gifts in the way of buildings and grounds, as well as warehouse space and docking facilities were also given.

For hospital service in the United States the sum of \$503,500 was appropriated by the Red Cross War Council. For sanitary work in the United States, \$184,500. For camp service, \$2,528,729; this includes the installation at the various camps and cantonments. Miscellaneous, \$93,487.60. Total for work in the United States, \$3,310,216.60.

Besides this sum, the Red Cross has advanced \$7,650,000 to purchase yarns for knitting, flannel, muslin and other goods for resale to chapters, and many articles for comfort kits and Christmas packages to be resold to chapters, which brings the amount expended in the United States to a grand total of \$10,969,216.60.

For military work in France the sum of \$2,411,225 was expended, while for civilian relief in the same country the total was \$2,460,647, or a grand total for France of \$4,871,872.

For other incidental work in France, such as transportation service, hospitals, relief of nurses and other appropriations, the sum of \$15,609,958.47 has been set aside, making the grand total of appropriations for use in France \$20,601,240.47.

From this it will be seen that the money contributed last summer by the American people is being put to worthy use, and that at the present rate of expenditure it will not be long until the Red Cross will be compelled to call upon the people for another contribution.

One of the best pieces of work the Red Cross has done has been the purchase of materials for knitting, making hospital supplies and making surgical dressings. With the present almost prohibitive prices in retail stores, the cost of making these necessary articles would have been greatly increased, even though many retail merchants, such as some of those in Laredo, have donated large quantities of materials.

The materials purchased by the National association were resold to the chapters at cost, enabling the women who wanted to "do their bit" to get materials at much less cost than at home. And the lessened cost has made possible much more work than would otherwise have been turned out.

The Laredo chapter has done its share in all the active work of the Red Cross so far. Due to the generous act of the Elks Club, the members will be enabled to do much more work, as they have been given the free use of the club rooms for every afternoon in the week except Saturday, and those who are willing to do an hour's work at any time after 3 o'clock will find a place to work in, the materials and the conveniences for the work, and someone to direct it properly.

The funds collected here were a credit to our citizenship. The work being done is a tribute to the self-sacrificing spirit of the Laredo women, and it is gratifying to find that the knitted work turned out is superior to that from other towns. The Laredo chapter is living up to the motto: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my children, ye have done it unto Me." And the work carries with it a blessing which will return to those who sent it forth.

## WINNING THE WAR.

The Saturday Evening Post says: "From this time on there can be only three classes in the United States—Americans, pro-Germans and yellow dogs. Many people would lump the two last, but wrongly, because in the third group there are many who, once awakened to a class consciousness of their yellow-dogness, may be saved. We refer, of course, to the men who are seeking party and partisan advantage in this crisis; to the red-tapers and incompetents who are obstructing and muddling everything they touch; to the grandstanders and limelights who see nothing but an opportunity for personal advertising and aggrandizement in the national peril; and to the profiteers, to whom all dollars look alike, even those that are blood-stained."

This is strong language, the sort that needs to be used nowadays; it is stronger than was used in the time of great peril in the days of the Civil War.

For a class in congress, at least, seeking party and partisan advantage is becoming smaller. Iron that they have been "saw-

a consciousness of their yellow dogness," to quote Editor Lorimer, but at any rate they have seen a great light and have become convinced of the fact that it is no longer advisable to obstruct the government's conduct of the war.

The red-tape worshippers we have always had, and it is hard to convert them. They are perhaps the most persistent hamperers of good government in the entire country. But there are superiors who are able to cut the Gordian knot of red tape and make progress possible.

Those who seek personal advertising and aggrandizement are fewer than formerly, and they have not the opportunities which past wars presented. Those who wish commissions must work for them, and with the exception of the few who got in on state militia appointments, the remainder have no favor shown them.

The most dangerous class we have to deal with is that of the profiteers. They are the most persistent of all, and the innate hogghishness in many people prevents them from seeing themselves in their true light. Whether they are selling goods on contract to the government or at retail to the individual consumer, they will exact their pound of flesh until the government steps in and takes from them the power of fixing prices.

It is gratifying to note that the people—not merely a great part, but almost all of them—are giving the heartiest aid and encouragement to the winning of the war. And as Mr. Lorimer says: "You whoever you are and whatever you are doing, must win it personally."

The man who sticks to his job; the business man who satisfies himself with a small profit in order that others may not have to waste their money or do without necessities; the man who is willing to devote his spare time to helping in some other way than his own line of business in winning the war; the women who are conserving our foodstuffs; the hotel and restaurant men who are seeing to it that waste is cut out; the women who knit and sew and fold bandages; all are helping win this war, and it is by them that the war will be won, not by the administration, or the army and navy.

The buying of Liberty bonds, of war certificates and stamps, the contributions to the Red Cross and the various other relief funds, the sending of tobacco to the men in the trenches, the making of comfort bags and woolen socks and sweaters—all these are aiding in winning the war.

Another thing that should be done is to write cheering letters to the men from home, and to send them occasional copies of the home paper. The latter will sometimes take the place of a bulky letter, but the personal touch is missing in it.

There are many things that can be done to win the war, and chief among them is to do your part, whatever it is. Feel confident that we are going to win, not merely because we have to, but because we are able and determined to.

The horror at Halifax seems almost incomprehensible. That more than 2,000 people should be instantly killed and as many more injured seems incredible. Some of the battles, even of the present war, had not more casualties. And the worst of it is that it was unavoidable.

The act of La Follette in not voting on the war resolution may have been due to a feeling of what was proper, and again, it might have been due to a desire to "play safety." In either case, it was eminently correct.

## HAS 200-ACRE COTTON FARM WITH PLENTY GOOD WATER

Condren Brothers of This City Engage in Cotton Growing on Colorado River in Arizona-California.

Joe Condren, who left here some weeks ago accompanied by his brother Jack Condren for the Yuma country, where they have 150 acres of irrigated land on the California side of the Colorado river and fifty acres on the Arizona side, making a total of 200 acres of rich agricultural land, returned to Laredo this morning, leaving Jack Condren in charge of the farm.

The land is near Yuma, Arizona, and is fine cotton-growing soil. The Condren brothers will put in a large acreage in the fleecy staple and expect to make big crops, as conditions in that section are very favorable and the water supply from the Colorado river is inexhaustible.

## MISS ELVIRA STONER DEAD FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Was a Daughter of the Late Deputy Sheriff Will Stoner and Was Born and Reared in This City.

After an illness of two months which kept her confined to her bed, Miss Elvira Stoner, daughter of the late Deputy Sheriff Will Stoner, died at the home of her mother at 1510 Coke street yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Deceased was well known in Laredo, where she was born and reared, and her death is deeply deplored by her friends.

Watch THE TIMES place from the opportunities. 50c. sent in the city

## SMALL HOME IS DESTROYED WITH ALL OF ITS CONTENTS

Fire of Unknown Origin Was Discovered By Fireman at Fire Station, But Too Late to Save Building.

Last night about 9:30 o'clock as one of the paid firemen at the central fire station was preparing to retire for the night and going to a window in fireman's hall to close it down for the night, he observed a big blaze in the distance in the vicinity of the Zacate bridge, where flames were leaping into the air. He immediately sounded the alarm and the fire apparatus rushed to the scene. No other alarm was turned in.

The fire was at the home of Mrs. Francisca Dominguez, on Guadalupe street, near the Zacate bridge. The occupants of the house, which was a two-room frame structure, and which had no fireplace, first discovered the fire when it was consuming the roof, and before they could remove the contents of the humble home, it was a mass of flames. They believe the fire was caused by a spark from a passing locomotive, as the place was within a few feet of the railroad track and a heavy north wind was blowing at the time, with the atmosphere heavily laden with dust. The fire apparatus worked hard to confine the flames to their base and prevent sparks from doing additional damage to buildings in the vicinity of the fire.

## NOTICE.

To the public in general and express shippers in particular:

In view of the fact that all express companies are up against very unusual conditions, due to abnormal business, congestion of traffic and the fact that numerous old and experienced employees have entered Government and other service, I earnestly request that packages to be handled by express be shipped as early as possible.

The loss or delay of a Christmas shipment cannot be paid for in dollars and cents and a Christmas disappointment is the worst disappointment there is.

Ship Early. R. N. SPARKS, Agent.

## WILL MEET HERE ON MONDAY FOR CALLED CONFERENCE

Members of Texas State Board of Health Will Convene in Laredo on Monday for Important Conference.

The Texas State Board of Health, consisting of prominent physicians from various parts of the state, will meet in Laredo on Monday for an important conference, in accordance with the call issued several days ago by Dr. W. B. Collins, the state health officer.

One of the principal subjects to be discussed at the conference is quarantine matters, and the plant of the Laredo station will in all probability be adopted as a model for similar plants to be established elsewhere in the state, as Dr. H. C. Hall, state quarantine officer, and who is in charge of the quarantine station here, has been highly complimented on the work being done at his institution, the systematic manner in which the business is disposed of and the approved methods used, and the plant as a whole has made a deep impression on all state health and quarantine officials who are familiar with its operations. The visiting medics will be here several days.

## Notice to Hunters.

On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES, 11-12-1m.

## DIZZY SPELLS

Relieved After Taking Two Bottles Of Cardui, Says Tennessee Lady.

Whitwell, Tenn.—Mrs. G. P. Cartwright, of this place, writes: "About four years ago the dizzy spells got so bad that when I would start to walk I would just pretty near fall. I wasn't past doing my work, but was very much run-down."

I told my husband I thought Cardui would help me, as a lady who lived next door to me had taken a great deal, and told me to try it. This was when we were living in Kentucky.

My husband got me a bottle and I took it according to directions. It helped me so much that he went back and got me another bottle. I got a whole lot better and just quit taking it. I got over the dizzy spells... I took no other medicine at that time nor since for this trouble. No, I've never regretted taking Cardui.

I felt just fine when I finished the second bottle.

Purely vegetable, mild and gentle in its action, Cardui, the woman's tonic, may be the very medicine you need. If you suffer from symptoms of female troubles, give Cardui a trial. All druggists. NO-129.

## TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

## DUST STORM LAST EVENING OF WORST EVER KNOWN HERE

BEGAN BEFORE 6 LAST EVENING AND CONTINUED SOME HOURS

Predicted Cold Wave Came on Schedule Time; Laredo Real Estate Filled Air and Proved Disagreeable.

Yesterday afternoon The Times carried a warning issued by the weather bureau through the telephone to the effect that a cold wave was en route and would cause a drop in temperature of from 20 to 30 degrees by this (Saturday) morning, with freezing weather to the coast by Sunday morning. No mistake was made in this forecast, for after The Times was issued the "cold wave" manifested its presence shortly before six o'clock last evening by the arrival of a strong, blustery north wind.

For several hours last night, as a result of the stiff, cold wind, Laredo was in the throes of one of the worst dust storms experienced here. Those who had to be out in the storm were also suffocated on the streets by the dust, while houses were just mentioned dust to a housewife today and you are in as much danger as being captured by the German barbarians after they make a raid on a trench and capture prisoners. When the north hit yesterday evening the mercury experienced a considerable tumble, and from real summer heat it dropped down steadily during the night and this morning real cool weather prevailed, but not down to the freezing point.

Cold, dry weather at this time makes the severity of the drouth more pronounced than ever, as all the moisture will be dried out of the ground and a heavy rain is now needed to put the country in condition. So far there has been no suffering from cold among live stock, but unless there is a decided change in weather conditions and rain comes very soon to replenish the grass supply and put water in the tanks and other watering places on some ranches which have not received the beneficial effects of recent rains, there is going to be considerable suffering among stock when severe weather sets in. Likewise the farmers who have no access to irrigation are needing rain badly at this time.

## THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE NOW BEING SOLD

Total of 440,000,000 of the Little Seals Have Been Distributed to Various Parts United States.

The biggest drive in the history of the Red Cross Christmas Seal movement is being made this year. Already 440,000,000 of the little Christmas stickers have been printed and distributed throughout the United States.

Agents in every state and territory in the Union from Alaska to the Canal Zone and from Porto Rico and Hawaii and even in the far off Philippines have been making demands for the stamps. Through these agents the Seals will be distributed to the local and state anti-tuberculosis associations and to other agencies through which they will be put on sale.

Every effort is being made to stimulate the sale of the Seals this year so the \$3,000,000 fund which is the objective will be realized. The country's entry into the war and the consequent revelation of the prevalence of tuberculosis and the danger in which the disease has placed our army has added incentive to the campaign.

Every man, woman and child is being asked to triple the amount of their Red Cross Seal purchases this year. If they bought a hundred Seals last year, they are being asked to buy three hundred this year, as the annual fund to be raised must be increased from the 1916 total of \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Advertising circulars, post cards and letters are being sent out to aid in the sale of Seals. Upwards of 2,000,000 personal letters have been written, and an army of fully 500,000 workers, most of them volunteers, are busy booming the campaign.

Few people who buy the little messages of Christmas cheer realize that more than 1,500 anti-tuberculosis associations of the country derive their chief support from Red Cross Christmas Seals. The seals are on sale at many business houses of Laredo. Buy as many as you can and help a good cause.

## CLUB MANAGER APPOINTED AND HE HAS TAKEN CHARGE

"Dick" Bryant of This City Selected by Board of Directors of Latin-American Club as Club Manager.

Richard (Dick) Bryant, who for some time past has been connected with the Sonora News Co. in this city, was recently appointed by the board of directors of the Latin-American Club as the club manager of that organization in its handsome new home opposite the county courthouse. Mr. Bryant has assumed charge of his duties and is now making all necessary arrangements to have everything in shape for the grand opening of the club in its new quarters on New Year's eve.

The handsome new building which will be the home of the Latin-American Club with the beginning of the new year was recently completed and will be equipped with the latest and most approved furnishings and fixtures.

## LITTLE LOCALS

District Judge Mullally leaves for San Diego tomorrow night to hold court in the place of Judge V. W. Taylor, who is disqualified in two cases, and who will come to Laredo to hold district court here for Judge Mullally during his absence. The change of places will be for a few days only.

Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St. San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Lettie Carroll announces the opening of her dancing classes next week. Those interested are requested to meet Miss Carroll in the parlors of the Hamilton Hotel, Tuesday afternoon from four to five.

Laredo people experienced that unusual condition of expectorating mud last night, for all those who got outdoors during the duststorm got their mouth, nose, ears and eyes full of the fine flying particles, and some of them are still "digging" dust out of their ears. The housewife with the broom and duster had her aftermath with the dust today.

We repair typewriters—Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

Remember, this is the last week that we deliver to the retail trade. Beginning Monday, December the tenth we will deliver to grocers, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses and special large orders only.

Get out the winter "kilver," for there is a big, sure-enough cold wave Laredo-bound. It is somewhat cold now, but if the weather forecast does not go amiss, "the worst is yet to come." Tomorrow is Sunday, and it may be a good day to stay at home close to a heater.

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See our large stock of children's toy books, popular copyrights, latest fiction, holiday and war books and place your Christmas orders now. Sonora News Company.

Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee.

The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

This is ideal weather for duck shooting, and in all probability a number of Laredo ninnyrods will take advantage of the winter tourist rates to the coast and go down to Corpus Christi tonight to get their baggages of ducks tomorrow and Monday. Ducks and geese are reported numerous in the Corpus country at this time.

For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barhelox, No. 48.

Buy a dollar or more of bread tickets, by doing this you will always have the change when you send to the bakery for bread. Borchers.

City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

On account of the disagreeable weather conditions prevailing last night, when the air was filled with dust, the attendance at the motion picture shows was comparatively small, as people in general considered it more comfortable at home than venturing out into the wind and dust-storm.

If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

The Times is in receipt of post-card greetings from Collins Gravis, who left recently with a force of United States Engineers en route to Russia, but who is now at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. The card says: "Am feeling fine so far. This is a very beautiful country." He writes on a card showing the Moanalua Tea Gardens near Honolulu.

Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

Chamberlain's Tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

## SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Editor Phone 70

## SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday. The Busy Bees will meet with Rosalie Biggio at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. W. W. MacGregor at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Scouts will meet at five o'clock at the residence of Dr. H. M. Austin.

Ladies Night at the 37th Infantry Club.

Sunday. The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at 6:45 in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. Senior and Junior will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Creath Memorial Baptist Church, at 6:45 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church will meet at the church at 7:00 in the evening.

Monday. The Woman's Club will meet in the afternoon at half after three o'clock at the Public Library.

The Tournament Club will meet with Mrs. J. T. Halsell at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band will meet at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Surgical Supply Room at the Elks Club will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Lowry at two o'clock.

## This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing. The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Phone all society communications to the society editor at The Times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

## Ask Dad—He Knows.

Clothes—clothes—bonnets and bows, Ruches and ruffles and furbelows, Frills 'way up to her cute little nose, Furs 'way down to her cute little toes, Gowns of shimmering, glimmering rose.

Shy little peeks of fanciful hose, Dear little slippers, and I suppose Nobody knows of the bills and woes That go with clothes, 'cept Dad. He knows!

—Betty Osborn.

## General Mention.

Mrs. Bishop has returned home after a delightful visit in Laredo as the guest of Mrs. Frank Nye.

Miss Louise Hesse of Tampico left Friday evening for Battle Creek, Michigan, after spending a few days in Laredo as the guest of Mrs. H. W. Johnston.

Mrs. Kirby Walker leaves tomorrow for New York.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson is spending the weekend with Miss Helen MacGregor at Santo Tomas.

## Announcements.

Attention Red Cross Members. All Red Cross members are asked to come to Elks Hall on Monday at half after three o'clock in the afternoon to practice the Christmas carols which are to be sung on Christmas Eve.

The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society will have an entertainment on the evening of December 16 beginning at 8 o'clock, instead of on Dec. 9 as previously announced.

The Red Cross Headquarters Room will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Lowry on Monday, at 2 o'clock.

## Entertainment.

Mrs. John Tucker Halsell entertained most informally yesterday afternoon, honoring Miss Hazel Davis of San Antonio. After a series of games of bridge in which Mrs. Gilbreath held high score and Mrs. Albert Martin low score, tea was served from a daintily laid table which held a centerpiece. Mrs. J. J. Haynes and Mrs. H. Stow Garlick poured and Mrs. H. C. Hall served the salad. Those playing were: Mesdames H. S. Garlick, H. C. Hall, F. Gilbreath, E. J. Dwan, I. Gill, A. Martin, Miss Theodora Guillelte and the honoree. Those who came in for tea were: Mesdames Guillelte, J. A. MacDonald, C. M. Fish, L. J. Christen, G. W. Derby, I. Muller, D. F. Anderson, J. J. Haynes, A. W.

Schmitt, S. Mackin, M. L. Sielski, Russell, Misses McKnight, Macklin, and Westbrook.

Red Cross Notes. The Publicity Committee of the Red Cross held a meeting at Elks Hall on Thursday afternoon and mapped out a campaign of publicity work in connection with the Membership Drive which will take place during the week preceding Christmas. Laredo wants to achieve a quota of 2,500 members for the Red Cross during this drive. It means that the attention of every man, woman and child of Laredo must be called to the great work being done by this truly great organization and the committee feels confident that the membership drive will be a success if EVERY ONE of Laredo's patriotic people can be reached through this means. LET'S MAKE IT A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS.

## Committee for Children's Party Meets.

The committee in charge of the Children's Party held a splendid meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Derby. The plans were perfected for the afternoon party which is to be given for the Red Cross on Saturday, December 29, from 2 o'clock until 5. A charge of twenty-five cents was agreed upon, this to include the afternoon's entertainment and refreshments. There will be a dance in the evening from 7 until 10:30 o'clock and further details will be furnished later.

## PERSONALS

Chas. F. Eckert of Corpus Christi is in the city.

T. D. Cobbs, Esq., of San Antonio is a guest at the Bender.

Robt. Muller left last night for San Antonio and expects to return next week, accompanied by Mrs. Muller.

BENDER:—Max Mayer, C. A. Hopkins, San Antonio; C. H. Knight, Mexico City; G. F. Ezekiel, Richmond, Va.; T. D. Cobbs, San Antonio; H. B. Terrell, T. A. Hall Austin; A. R. Dobson and wife, Mexico City; B. Goldberg, New York; F. A. Miller, Maxbatton, Ill.; R. Kent Beatty, Washington; J. L. Mayfield, Corpus Christi; A. Boylan and wife, New York; Mrs. C. B. Wood, San Antonio; M. L. Vinson, New York; Manuel Corcano, Mexico City; S. Murphy, San Antonio; E. B. Rogers, Del Rio; Chas. F. Eckert, Corpus Christi; R. D. Kshnan, San Antonio; James O'Keefe, Chicago; E. Fairbank, William L. Gill, U. S. A.

## Band Concert Program.

Following is the program of the concert to be given by the Thirty-seventh Infantry Band, Carl Everlof, director, at Jarvis Plaza tomorrow night:

March, "The Crusader," Sousa Overture, "If I Were King," Adam Waltz, "La Tagala," Safranek Concert Piece, "Basket of Roses," Albers Selection, "The Mountebanks," Ganne

INTERMISSION.

Overture, "Paraphrase Three," Suppe Overture, "The Glow-Worm," Lincke Patrol, "American," Meacham Selection from "Martha," Flotow.

## Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

## ACTIVE AT 95 YEARS.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—Frederick Ayer, who has long been one of the recognized leaders in New England finance and industry, received the congratulations of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances today on the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary. His has been an active life, and few men attain to so high a degree of success. He was born in Connecticut, but Massachusetts has been his home State for by far the greater part of his life. His most conspicuous business success was in the woolen industry, which he practically organized in its present form. He has never relinquished his hold on business affairs and despite his advanced age is a director in nearly a score of large corporations.



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